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Hobbies Fill Free Hours of Many Students

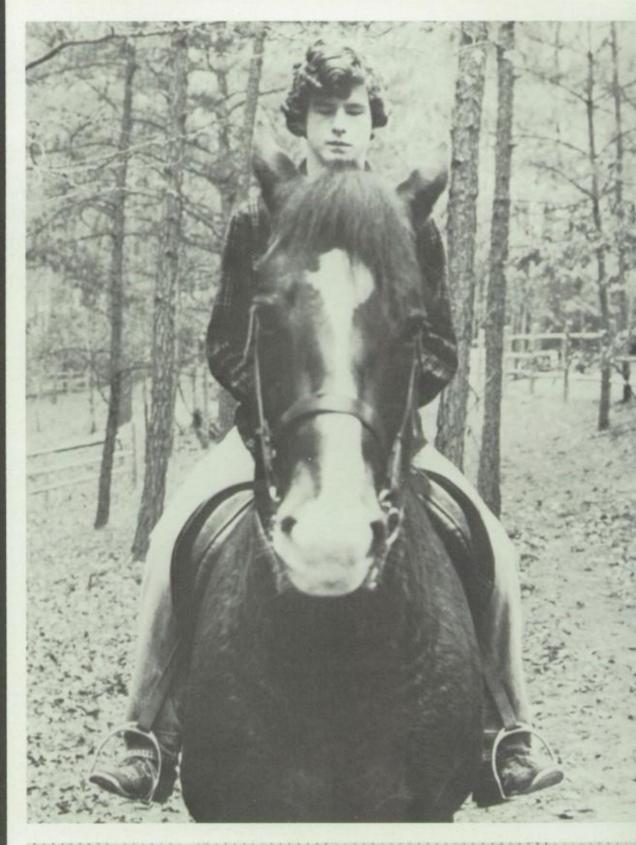
Outside interests and activities were very diversified, ranging from puppetry to cycling. Each student had a different idea of how to spend his after school and weekend hours. Such pursuits served to develop talents and proved to be great fun, also.

For the athletic set there was fair weather tubing on the river, tennis, and swimming. Snow skiers enjoyed winter weekends at North Carolina ski resorts. Water skiing at Lake Tobesofkee and Sinclair was a favorite summer activity.

Outside clubs were much a part of many students' lives. Sororities and fraternities sponsored social functions and athletic tournaments. Three senior girls served on Sear's Teen Board as professional models. Many participated in church and synagogue youth groups. Religious interest played a part in school as well with a Wednesday morning Bible study.

Many of those eligible joined Macon's teenage working force, working in hospitals, restaurants, and grocery and department stores, both after school and on weekends. Wages were put in savings accounts for college, and also supplemented allowances as spending money.

Student hobbies were as many in number as the students themselves. The most popular were photography, crafts such as macrame and cloth painting, playing musical instruments and hunting.





Above: Mary Virginia Kay and Melissa Garrette rehear for their part in the Macon Ballet Guild's annual prodution of the Nutcracker Suite at the Grand Opera House. Fabove: Freshman William Slocumb rides his horse Boog Rey in the woodlands surrounding his home.







Left: Sophomore Hannah Napier paints a prize winning still life. Far above: Kaye Newton concentrates on memorizing a difficult piece for a piano recital. Above: Jimmy Kurek enjoys an afternoon hunting squirrels in the Georgia woods. Hunting was a popular fall sport.

Covert Groups Add Intrigue to School Life

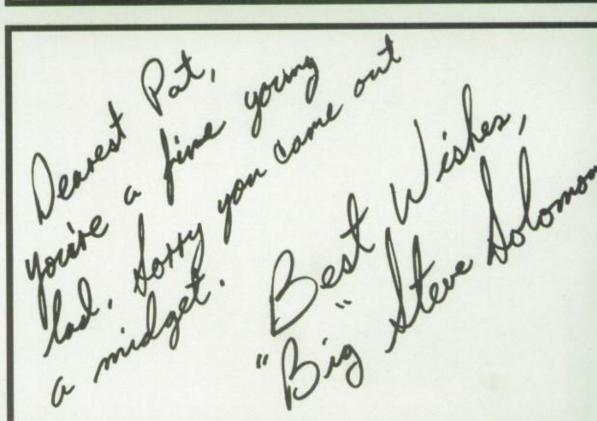
Like Chicago in the days of Al Capone, Stratford had its own underground. Covert activities served to keep instructors in suspense, and break the monotony of the school day.

The seniors were notorious for their many well-kept secrets. To preserve one of few cherished senior privileges, self-appointed Senior Parking Lot Attendant Sonny Cone made sure that no overzealous junior or sophomore parked on this sacred territory. It was rumored that a certain senior boy had the key to any situation — a key to Sheraton Inn's room 118. To celebrate a special occasion, a lucky senior found a bottle of Harvey's Bristol Creme in his locker.

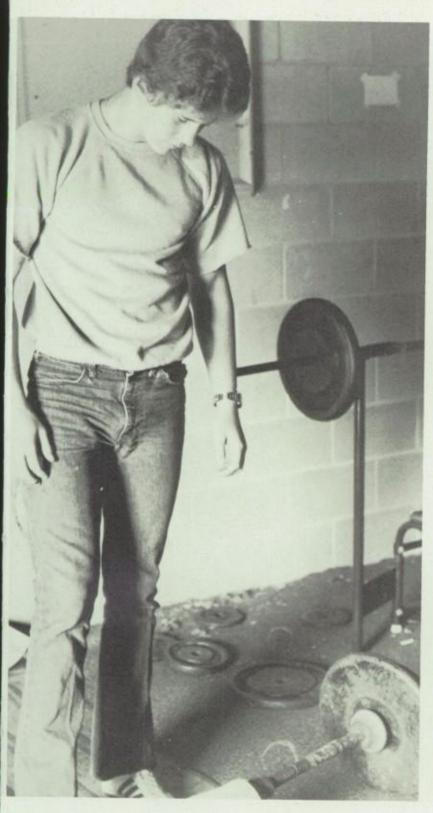
Ever increasing was the doodling student populace. Marginal notes revealed a great deal about the writer's love life, opinions of various teachers and classes, and sorority and fraternity allegiances. Such classics as "To be in this class or not to be in this class, that is the question;" and "You know I love you. Romeo, oh, Romeo, did you doubt ever that I do?" were inscribed in Spiral margins.

Fan clubs listed membership rosters on desk tops. One desk, occupied by enamored middle schoolers, announced the formation of the "I Love Rusty Hilburn Association." Graffiti decorated bathroom walls and the student bulletin board as well.

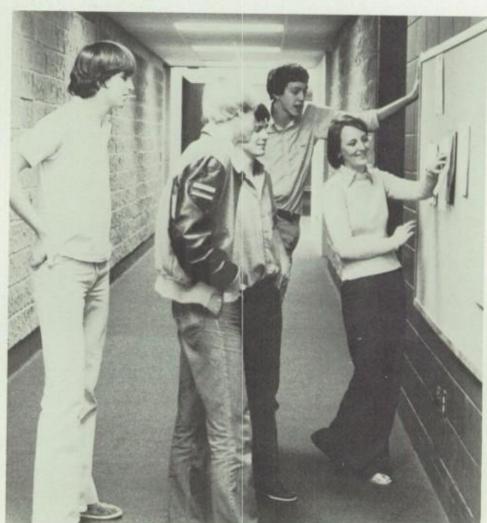




Above: This note is one of many messages posted on student bulletin board. **Right:** Students clamor around bulletin board to read the latest underground news.



Below: Junior Nancy Johnson voices her opinion on Mr. Brunel's billboard door during sixth period English. Left: Brian Tiller poses as Mr. Atlas as a promotional for the alleged Brian Tiller Body Building Course. Fellow classmates posted a notice of the course to characterize Brian's "macho" image. Far left: Beth Dunwody puts goodies in a varsity football player's locker. The cheerleaders supported the team by decorating players' lockers.





Students Show Interest in Current Events

The Panama Canal Treaty, peace in the Middle East, and the death of "The King" were some of the national events that made the news headlines. Individuals at Stratford had their own opinions of local, national and international affairs. John Keen remarked of the Panama Canal Treaty: "It is our canal and we should not give it to them." Mrs. Linda Bibb, who grew up in the "Elvis Era," expressed her shock at Elvis Presley's death. He was to her, and many of her contemporaries, an immortal figure.

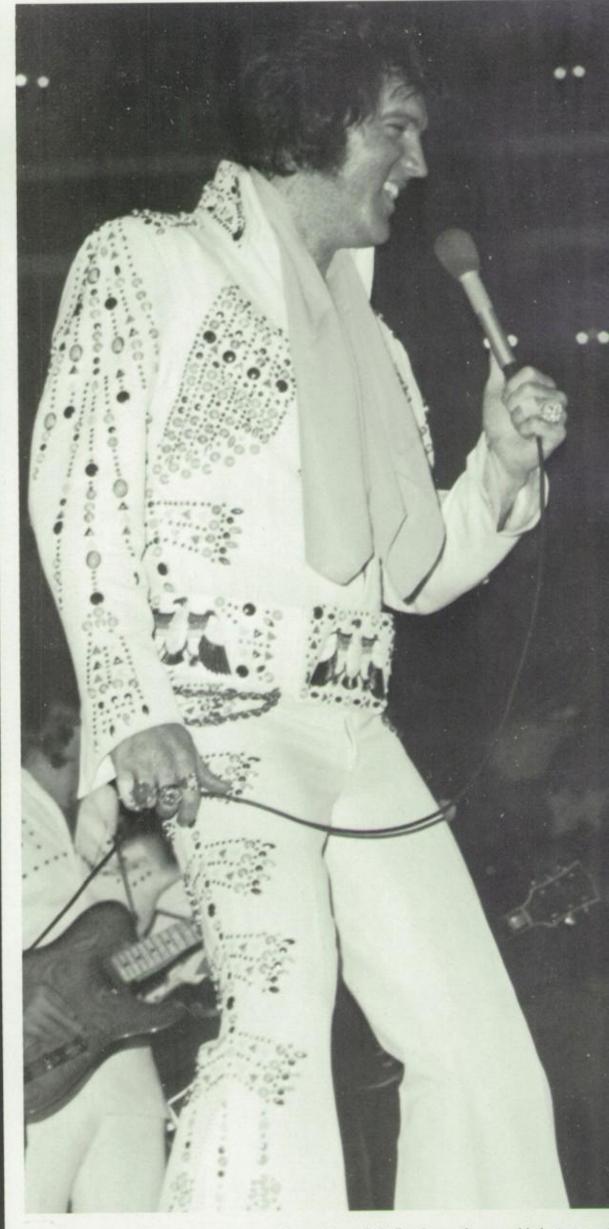
Mrs. Happ's Current Events class closely followed the details of the meetings between Prime Minister Menahem Begin of Israel and the leaders of the Arab nations.

On the local scene the pros and cons of an Amtrack reroute through Macon were being studied and discussed.

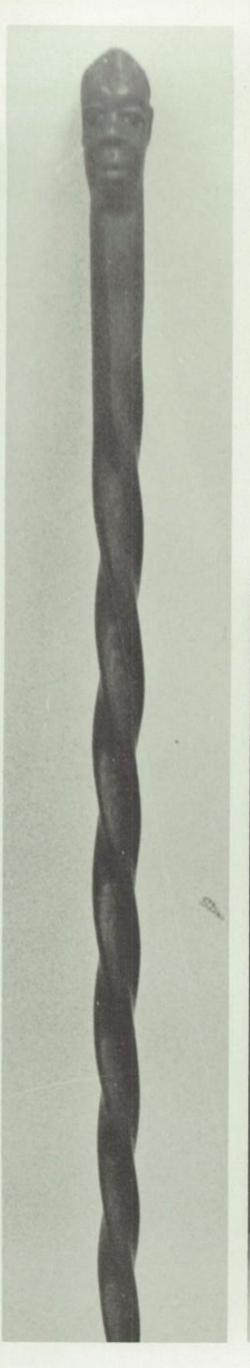
Having completed one year in office, President Jimmy Carter did not have the popularity he did when he was first elected. Many people felt this decrease in popularity was due to his unfulfilled promises. However, he made some progress on his main projects: the reorganization of the federal bureaucracy, and the energy problem.

Health care was the Georgia debate topic for the Debate class. As a result of careful research and intensive study, the class learned the details of the proposed national health care system and how it would effect them.

"Brick House" and "Easy" were hits that made the Commodores one of the nation's top rock groups. Millions of their records, tapes, Tshirts, and posters were sold throughout the country. The entertainment world suffered the loss of such greats as Bing Crosby and Guy Lombardo, who were both classical figures in the musical realms.

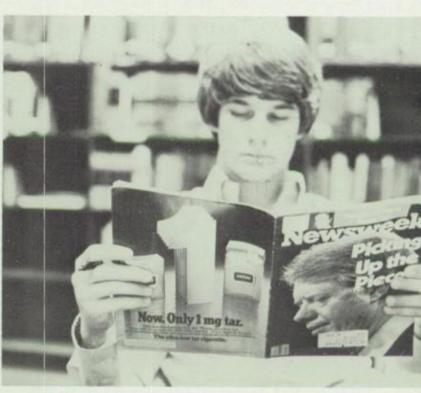


Above: Singer Elvis Presley performs at his last concern Macon at the Coliseum on June 1, 1977 before his de on August 15. Left: Mr. Brunel's infamous stick ni named "Idi Amin," symbolizes the great power of Ugandan dictator.









Left: Mr. John Morely, foreign correspondent sponsored by the Macon Exchange Club, tells assembled students of his adventures as a journalist in communist Russia. Far above: A Commodores promotional poster is proudly displayed by student fans. Above: Bill Snow, Current Events student, studies Carter's proposed energy program in Newsweek magazine, the class' textbook.

Changes Bring **Much Progress** and Enthusiasm

Many changes in structure, character, and personnel occured in the 1977-1978 school year. The scene was set for these changes with Mr. Henry Tift serving his first year as headmaster.

The addition of the senior patio was a welcomed senior privilege. The building and funding of the courtyard eating area were joint projects of the Class of '77 and the Class of '78. The SEA donated ten cement benches for the facility. Temporary picnic tables were given by members of the senior class until permanent tables could be obtained.

Coach Darryl Jones, Mrs. Jackie McCann, Mrs. Virginia Powers, and Mrs. Beverly Templeton joined the high school faculty. Mrs. Mertine Albritton taught grammar school French. Administrative positions were assigned to Mr. Andy Lawson, who became Middle School Principal, and Mr. William Brake, who served as High School Principal.

The newly created middle school, comprised of grades six, seven, and eight, was the year's major change. Students in these classes occupied two wings in the high school facility. A middle school Drama Club, newspaper, and Student Council were formed to cater to stu-

dent interest.

Three new courses were added to the high school curriculum. Annual Class was established to teach students journalistic fundamentals, while compiling the 1978 Overlook. Forensics, taught by Mr. Eric Brannen, was a year long course divided into three areas of concentration: debate, public speaking, and drama. Mrs. Faye Holliday's Review English course was designed to give juniors and seniors a comprehensive grammar review.

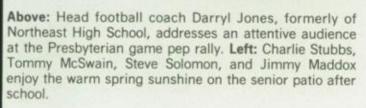






Below: Lisa Herring and Mark Sorrells, juniors, engage in debate over the controversial Panama Canal Treaty issue in Forensics, one of many new courses added to the high school curriculum. Left: Jeff Battcher, Mike Seekins and Trac Butler enjoy a steak dinner prepared by the football coaching staff. The weekly football dinner was one of two new traditions Coach Jones initiated. Far left: Seventh graders Jennifer Stone, Cathy Brown and Amy Maurizi review pamphlets for the junior deputy program. Middle school participants attended programs monthly given by sheriff deputies on such topics as bicycle and fire safety.







Many Dedicated Stratford Fans Support Teams

Some came to watch the game — others to watch the cheerleaders. There were hundreds of them, emotional, silent, bored, enthusiastic, cheering: the fans. Fans fulfilled a vital role in the Eagle athletic program, providing the encouragement that sometimes meant the difference between a crucial win or loss.

Various groups which served to promote spirit in the stands included the cheerleaders, the band, the twirlers, and the parents. The cheerleading squad introduced several new cheers which fast became favorites. After each touchdown, the band played the school fight song, bringing the fans to their feet. Without parents and school support groups, much enthusiasm would have been lost.

Students developed many new means of boosting spirit. During the basketball season, senior Jimmy Maddox trumpeted the theme song from the "Gong Show." Male cheerleading partners proved a valuable addition to the girl's varsity squad.

Summing up this year's heightened school spirit was the new cheer: "We are the Eagles; we want more!"

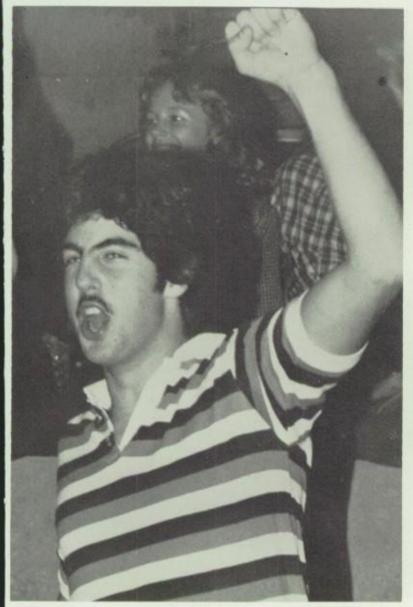


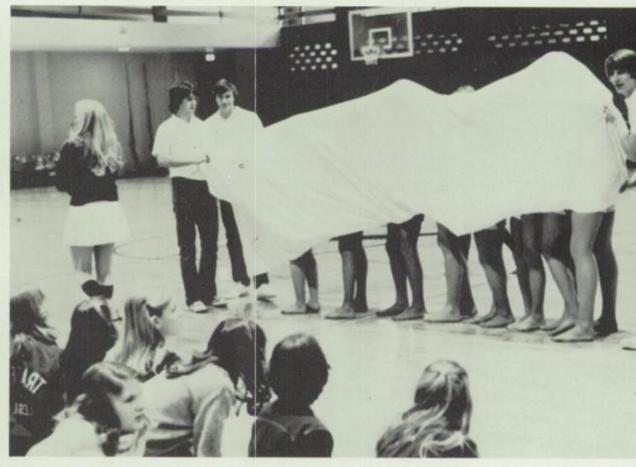




Below: Anna Weaver and Pam Mullis enjoy the joke telling talents of Charlotte Bowen at a football game. **Left:** Grammar school supporters rally behind the Eagles during a fourth down drive.







Far left: Elizabeth Norris, a mid-year freshman transfer from Presbyterian, rallies behind the Eagles in their goal line stand. Left: "We are the seniors; we want more!" Billy Anderson shows "Senior Superiority" at the football season opener. Above: Initiated by the cheerleaders, a basketball players' leg contest promotes spirit before the state basketball championship tournament.

Below: Sixth graders Jimmy Asbell and Andy Anderson decorate the Christmas tree in Mrs. Vogt's room. Right Brad Bibb performs his "Priscilla Posture" act during the Calculus class "Gong Show" and Christmas party. Faright: The Chipmunks, Ricky Marlow, Alan Burns and Warren Dennis, entertain the student body at the annua Christmas assembly.

Festive Spirit Prevails in Holiday Months

The spirit of Christmas came early to Stratford as the first signs of excitement arrived just after the Thanksgiving holidays. Both teachers and students became restless and spoke constantly of holiday foods, Christmas gifts and shopping to be done. Younger students began making out their request lists for Santa Claus, which included everything from a Six Million Dollar Man doll to a picture of Bob Turner.

Many clubs and school organizations celebrated Christmas with special activities. The SEA and French Club held parties, while the Beta Club carolled for the Cancer Society and sent Christmas cards to American servicemen overseas.

The grammar school enjoyed a treat when both Mr. and Mrs. Claus paid a visit to Bond Street in search of "good little girls and boys."

Student Council involved the entire student body in sponsoring two needy families. Students brought food, clothes and used toys to help provide the families with a merry Christmas.

The highlight on the Friday before the holiday break was the Beta Club sponsored Christmas Assembly. Junior Lisa Herring coordinated a dollhouse skit. Guest dolls included Shirley Temple, Perfa-dates, and the famed Chipmunks of the 1950's.

The Middle School Drama Club presented Charles Tazwell's **The Littlest Angel**. Musical entertainment was provided by the Middle School Chorus and Laine Lasseter and alumna Kathleen Dodd, singing "My Fair Cher."











Left: Caught up in the holiday spirit, Mrs. McCann gives Kirby Garner a hug in the chemistry lab under the mistletoe. Above: Bill Burns, Bucky Taylor, Misty Oliver and John Barrow, members of the Middle School Drama Club, perform The Littlest Angel.

Below: Senior Paula Bloodworth catches country fever of Country Day, a first in Stratford's Spirit Week history.

Seniors Win Spirit Week Competition

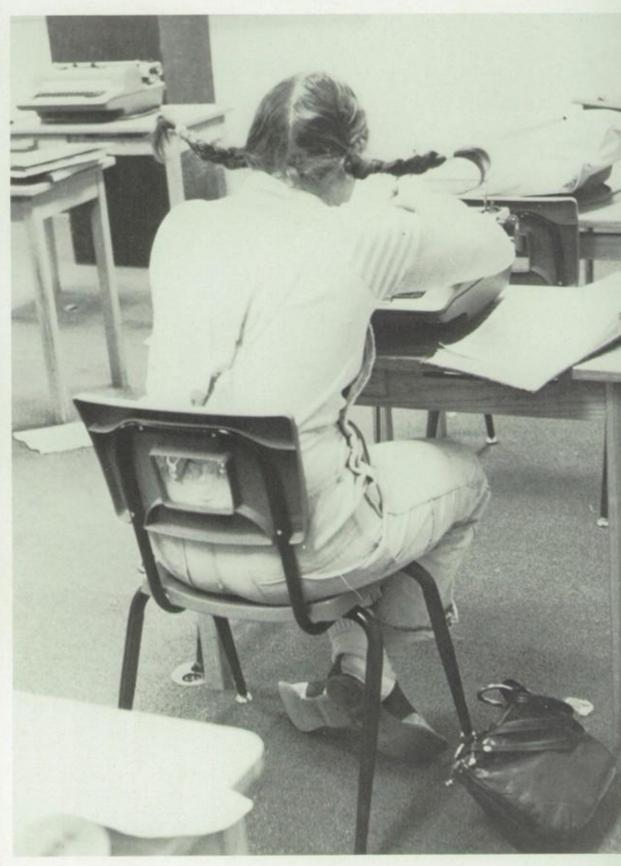
Spirit Week, traditionally held during the week of region tournaments, was sponsored by the Student Council. Each day a different activity was used to promote school spirit; several new days were initiated this year.

Monday, in a clash between the faculty and the seniors, the faculty emerged victorious with a 47-42 victory. On Tuesday's Slave Day, girls ordered their male counterparts to carry their books and perform odd stunts during the first three periods. The boys got revenge during the final three periods by making girls cater to their every whim.

Decked in jeans, overalls, straw hats and painted freckles, students enthusiastically participated in Stratford's first Country Day. On Thursday each girl was issued a tag reading "I hate boys." If she spoke to a boy during the day, the boy was allowed to confiscate their button. Langely Freeauf was recognized at the pep rally for having acquired the most tags.

The week climaxed during Friday's assembly when each class presented their skit and song. Student Council required that all presentations be developed around an antimated character theme. The seniors won both skit and wall competition using the theme of "The Three Bears." Their winning skit was a creative takeoff on Chuck Barris's "The Gong Show." The freshmen and sophomores placed second and third in skit competition respectively.

Said Mr. William Brake of the week's spirit, "It was the best I've seen in seven years."









Left: At Friday's assembly, Mrs. Anna Smith brings Jenny to watch the morning's festivities. Jenny bears the middle school "Think Pink" emblem on her back. Far above: Students rally behind Coach Grady Smith during his pep rally talk. Above: Seniors David Lorch, Jimmy Maddox, and Brad Bibb put the finishing touches on their winning wall. The wall was made of tissue paper tucked in a chicken wire frame.

St. Patrick's Theme Used to Highlight Show

Four leaf clovers and greenery conveyed the St. Patrick's Day theme of the Stratford Showcase held at Wesleyan College's Porter Auditorium on March 14. Dancing leprechauns opened the show, followed by numerous performances including routines by the band and twirlers and songs by the Gingham Menagerie. The junior class sponsored the production to raise money for the Junior-Senior Dance in the spring.

Preparations for the show began in early January when committees for publicity, decorations, programs, and ticket sales were named. In February preliminary grammar school and middle school shows were held to choose the best acts to appear in the high school production.

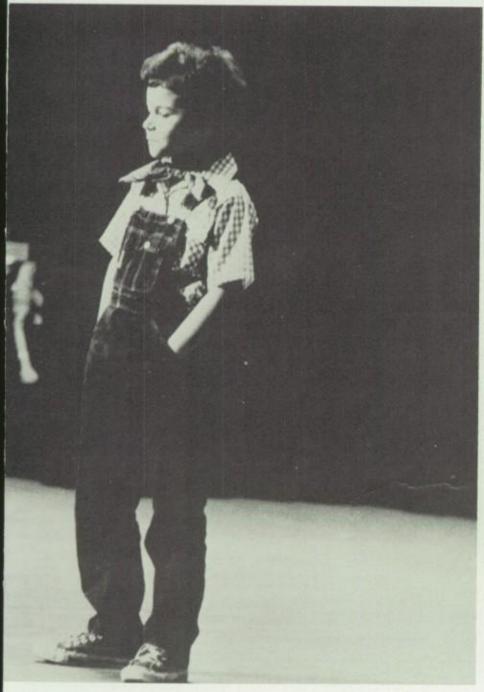
The resulting cross section of acts represented a variety of talents including singing, dancing, comedy routines and a spoof on "Star Wars." Junior class advisor Mr. Eric Brannen worked closely with the eleventh grade officers in all facets of the project.





Far above: In the 1977 show Kitty Walker and Joann Floyd sang about life aboard the "Good Ship Lollipop. Above: Sandy Metts and Andy Philhower combine the disco-dancing techniques in trying out for the 1978 taler show.







Far above: In last year's show with the theme "The Greatest Show on Earth" the Golden Girl Majorettes danced to the sound of the "Roaring Twenties." Left: Also in last year's show, fourth grader Rusty Banks performed a pantomine to Farmer Brown. Above: During the 1978 tryouts the Batchelors coordinate a dance and pantomine to "I Got the Music in Me,"

Sweethearts Elected by Classmates

St. Valentine left behind him a very special day: Valentine's Day. Words of friendship, sentimental verses and simple messages of love are sent in cards and gifts. While in America people send fancy cards and candy, in England children sing special songs and receive gifts of money and fruit. The Italians hold a big love feast and pressed snowdrop flowers are sent to friends in Denmark on February 14.

Stratford recognizes Valentine's Day with a special yearly tradition. The Pep Club sponsored a Valentine Sweetheart contest. Three Valentine Sweethearts were selected to represent each grade. These girls were presented during halftime of the Edmund Burke game, at which time the class winners were announced. Kenson Marbut was chosen from the senior class; Marcia Hemingway was the junior class Sweetheart. The sophomore class elected Cydney Tyler, and the freshman class, Nan Solomon.

Valentine Sweethearts



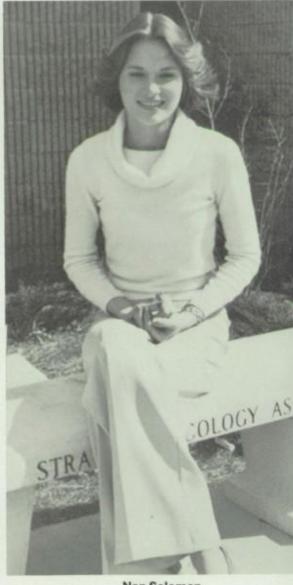
Kenson Marbut Twelfth Grade



Cydney Tyler Tenth Grade



Marcia Hemingway Eleventh Grade



Nan Solomon Ninth Grade

Sweetheart Candidates



Cornealia Ham Twelfth Grade



Gena Lawrence Twelfth Grade



Laura Lamb Eleventh Grade



Sandy Metts Eleventh Grade



Hannah Napier Tenth Grade



Lisa Wilson Tenth Grade



Gee Benner Ninth Grade



Lynn Metts Ninth Grade

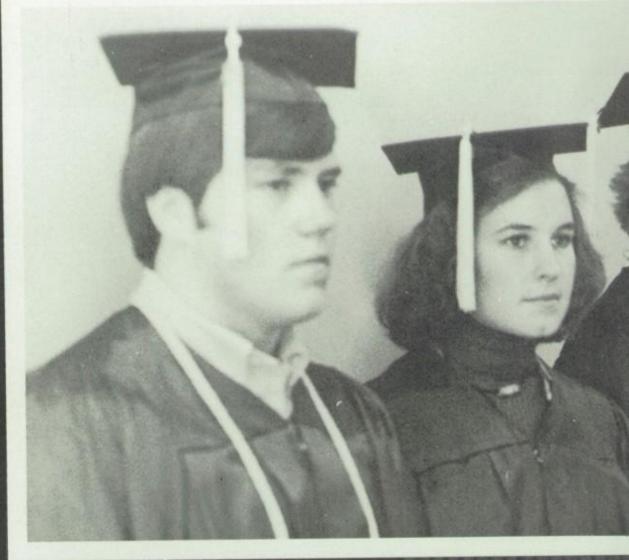
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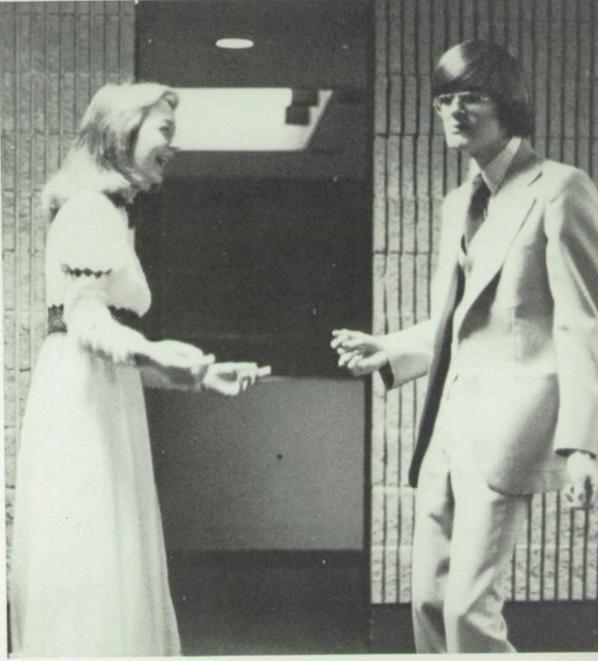
With the coming of spring, the thoughts of each senior turned to the events highlighting their final school days.

Making preparations for the Junior-Senior Formal was a year long project for the junior class. The juniors sponsored the Talent Show and sold magazines to raise money for a band. The dance breakfast was held in the lunchroom; homemade food supplied by the juniors disappeared at a rapid rate.

Mixed emotions marked the formal graduation ceremonies held in the Wesleyan College auditorium. There was bittersweet regret for carefree high school days past and excitement about the potential of the future.

Alan Burns gave the valedictory speech, graduating first in the Class of '78. Cornealia Ham, who graduated with the second highest grade average, was the salutatorian. Mr. Tift and Dr. Brown emceed the evening ceremony.

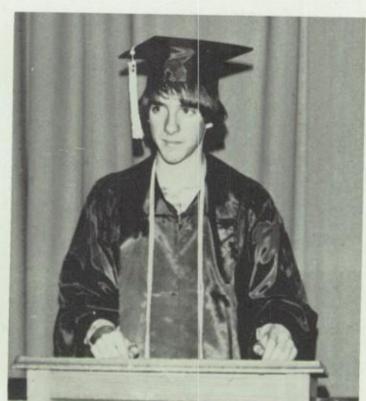


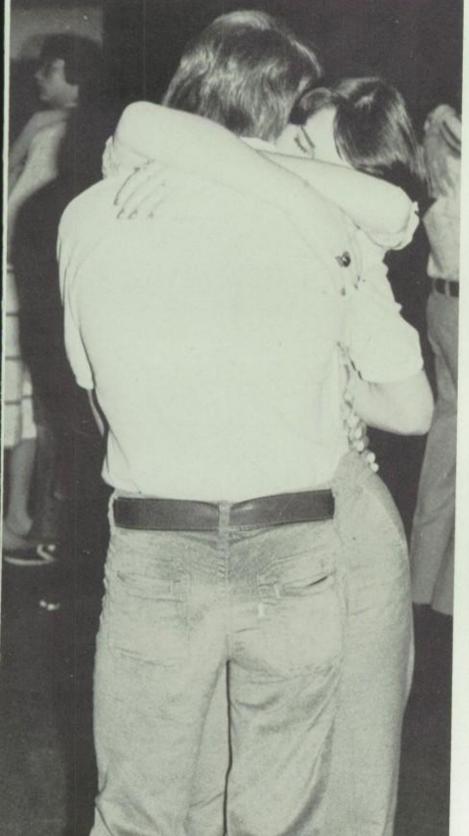


Above: Chuck Adams and Cindy Hinebaugh, clad in for attire, get down to the tune "Be Young, Be Foolish Happy." Right: Sandy Martin and Bill Snow enjoy dar to the blue jazz of Toby King and the Chocolate Butte Gang. Far right: Jaime Kaplan joins Toby King on stahelp lead a song.



Left: Seniors Mark Newton, Katie Sattler, Brother Massenburg, Mary Virginia Kay and Tommy McSwain anticipate graduation exercises with solemnity. Below: Alan Burns delivers his valedictory speech to students and parents in the Wesleyan auditorium. Far below: Graduating third in her class, Tricia Kelly receives her long awaited diploma from Mr. Tift.



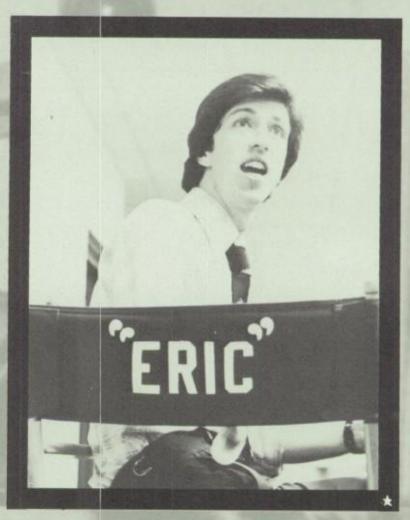








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Action: the call of the Confederate soldiers and statesmen as they gave their pledge to **Do or Die for Dixie.** Likewise was the call of Stratford students:

There will be a Senior Class meeting at 2:15 today in the lunchroom.

There will be a Key Club Meeting in room 106 at 3:15 for old members and people who have shown an interest in joining.

Play rehearsal:
"Diary of Anne Frank"
Today at 3:15
Wed. at 3:15
Thurs. at 3:15

It was a challenge. Wholly rewarding. Involvement gave the academic scope a broadened perspective. A self-awareness defined in terms of purpose and achievement.

It was a minor role in the spring play. The layouts for the annual were easy to copy. But I was needed. A part of things.

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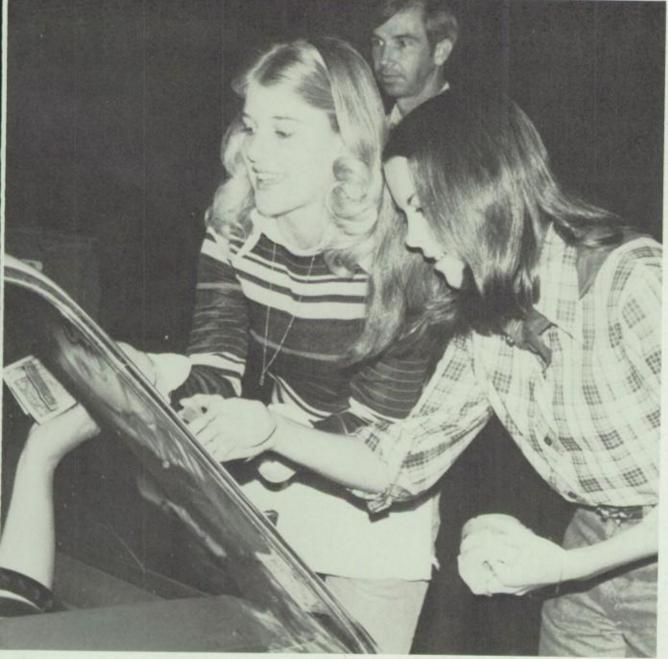




Above: Fran Buzzell taps junior Melissa Garrette for membership in the Beta Club during the annual fall tapping assembly. Far above: Secretary Sandy Shealy delivers a speech on leadership, one of the three aims of the Beta Club, during the Induction Ceremony. Above right: Warren Dennis, posing as Squidget the Midget, helps bring joy to children at the Masonic Home during the Beta Club sponsored Thanksgiving party there. Right: Donna Kay Miller assists Tricia Kelly in preparing scrambled eggs at the Staff Appreciation Breakfast.







Far above: The Beta Club: Sandy Shealy, secretary; Holly Palmer, president; Alan Burns, vice president; Donna Kay Miller, historian; Tricia Kelly, treasurer. Above: Seniors Donna Kay Miller and Cornealia Ham sell tickets at a varsity football game. This was one of many services the Beta Club performed for the school.

A service organization, the Beta Club initiated several projects for student enrichment. The major undertaking of the club was the after-school tutoring program, offered to both middle school and high school students weekly in all subjects.

In commemoration of National Education Week, the club sponsored Mayor Buck Melton who spoke about the Panama Canal issue. They also held a Staff Appreciation Breakfast for all members of the faculty, administration and staff.

During Thanksgiving, members paid a visit to the Masonic Home, giving a party for the home's younger children. They performed a Squidget the Midget skit, served refreshments, and played games for prizes.

A carolling expedition for the American Cancer Society marked the beginning of the holiday season. During a club meeting, members wrote personal Christmas cards to military men overseas to brighten their Christmas.

Responsible for the Christmas Assembly, a Beta Club committee included as many facets of the student body as possible. They invited the Middle School Drama Club and the Middle School Chorus to perform. Under the direction of junior Lisa Herring, students and faculty performed a dollhouse skit.

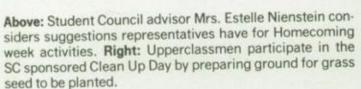
For the first time, the club held a Career Day, asking area businessmen and professionals to hold seminars as representatives of their professions. Students attended any of four of the eighteen seminars offered affording them the opportunity to better understand their career interests and ask questions.

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Below: Student Council Members: President, Sandy Shealy; Vice President, Nancy Peterson; Secretary, Kenson Marbut. Left: Nurse Sandy Shealy helps Dr. Robert Burnham prepare for surgery on Professions Day. Far left: The newly formed Advisory Board offers suggestions for improvement in the school cafeteria.





The Student Council consisted of the president of each class and heads of high school organizations. Mrs. Estelle Nirenstein served as faculty advisor.

The council's duties and responsibilities were varied. Homecoming and Spirit Week were the major activities sponsored by this organization. It sponsored a week of festivity before the big Homecoming night. During the week were three "dress-up" days, which included a Fifties Day, T-Shirt and Blue Jean Day, and a Profession Day. Climaxing the week was a powder puff football game and the crowning of the homecoming queen. After the football game was the traditional homecoming dance. The Strutters provided music for this annual dance.

Spirit week in the spring provoked competition between classes. They competed in several categories: original school song, skits, wall decorations, and attendance at basketball games.

Student Council also tried to deal with problems and criticisms brought up by students. An advisory board was established, through which students could express their ideas and suggestions. Each supervision elected one representative to serve on this board.

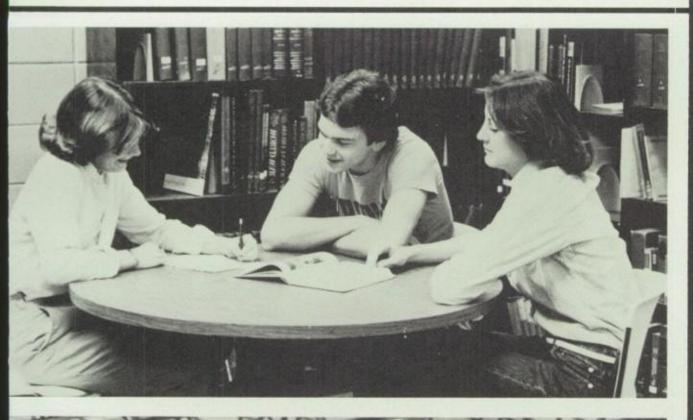
The council also sponsored a series of cleanup and beautification days. Students participating in the project worked on improving the appearance of Stratford's campus by raking and preparing areas for grass to be planted. Daffodils were planted to brighten the front of the main building.





Above: Middle school members of the Pep Club. **Far above:** High school members of the Pep Club. **Right:** Sophomore Sweetheart Cydney Tyler is presented with her escort, James McCook, at the Pep Club sponsored Valentine Sweetheart contest.







lbove: The varsity cheerleaders form a pyramid during alftime of the Jonesco game. The cheerleaders worked losely with the Pep Club to promote spirit. Far above: The Pep Club officers, Laine Lasseter, vice president; Bob urner, secretary; and Nancy Peterson, president, meet to lan the Valentine Sweetheart contest.

The Pep Club worked to fulfill their purpose of promoting spirit and encouraging students to support all phases of the athletic program. Several projects helped the club fulfill this purpose.

At halftime of the final home football game, the club recognized the parents of all senior players, cheerleaders, Golden Girls, and band members. Kenson Marbut represented the Pep Club at the Homecoming game on October 14. She received the first runner-up honor. The Pep Club aided the cheerleaders by furnishing paint for signs. Also included in club activities was the Player of the Week honor to reward basketball, tennis, and golf team members for outstanding play.

A Valentine Sweetheart contest held at halftime of the last home basketball game was also a project of the Pep Club. There were three representatives from each grade elected as sweethearts.

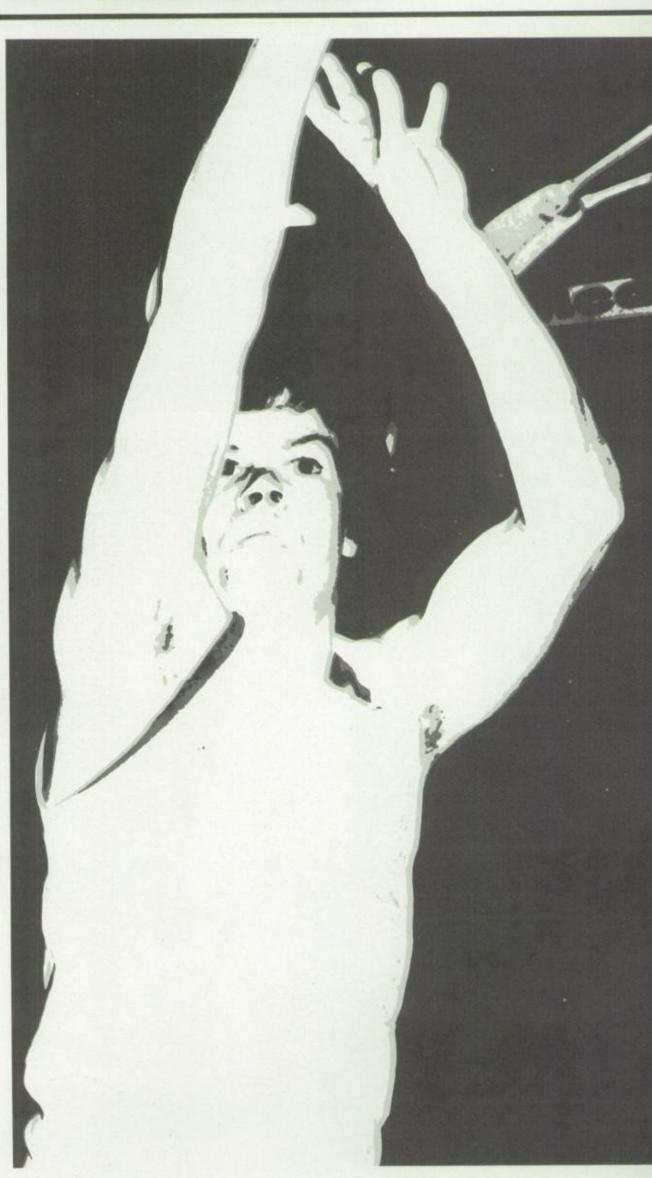
The officers of the Pep Club were Nancy Peterson, president; Laine Lasseter, vice president; and Bob Turner, secretary. Coach Darryl Jones served as adviser for the club.

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Above: President Jimmy Maddox and vice president Tommy McSwain discuss plans for the Key Club-Kiwanis Club basketball game held early in March. Far above: Senior Brad Bibb enjoys lunch as a guest of the Kiwanis Club during one of their weekly meetings. Right: Jim Penn sinks a corner jump shot in the Senior-Faculty game sponsored by the Key Club.







bove: Key Club Vice President Tommy McSwain sells asketball tickets to sophomores Holly Hill and Marion elly. Far above: The Key Club.

A high school affiliate of the Kiwanis Club, the Key Club worked to live up to their motto: "We build." President Jimmy Maddox cooperated with new advisor Mr. Watson Holloway in planning club projects.

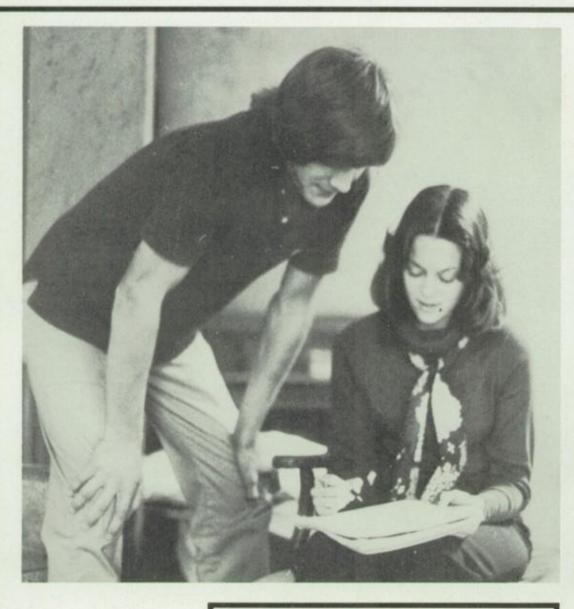
Each week two members went to a Kiwanis meeting and luncheon. They were entertained with programs planned by the Kiwanis program chairman such as "Pearl Harbor" and "Mercer Basketball."

The organization shared the duty of football and basketball ticket sales with the Beta Club. On alternate weeks during both seasons, they helped Athletic Business Manager Mr. Griff Ethridge by taking tickets.

Key Club Sweetheart Nancy Peterson was sponsored by the club in the Home-coming Court. Members helped finance and manage her winning campaign.

Vice President Tommy McSwain remarked: "Besides being a service organization for the school, the Key Club also serves the community. This year we will be helping children at the Masonic Home have a Merry Christmas, and the proceeds from the annual Kiwanis-Key Club Basketball Game will go to a worthy charity."

The Gazebo



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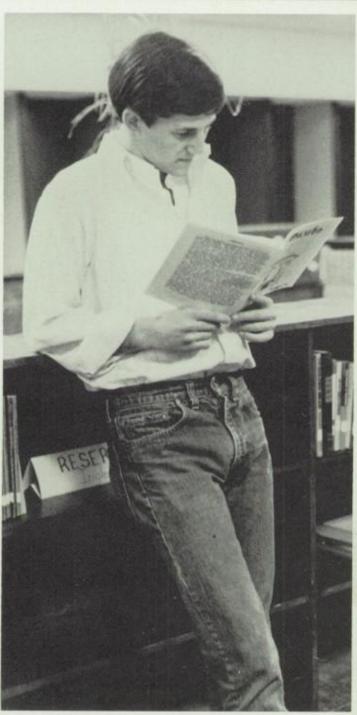
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Far above: Editor Cornealia Ham and Assistant Editor Jimmy Maddox correct an editorial before a Gazebo staff meeting. Right: Circulation Editors Jamie Hester and Terry Thornton fold the Christmas issue of the Gazebo after school in the production room.











bove left: Typists Tricia Kelly and Sherry Hall devote after school hours to typing feature articles. **Above ight:** Mark Baron, junior, enjoys reading his favorite section of the newspaper, "**Gazebo** Gossip." **Above:** The **Jazebo** Staff.

The **Gazebo** was the result of a long process of writing, rewriting, editing, proofreading, typing, printing, and folding. News, Club News, Editorials, Feature and Sports were the five divisions of the monthly newspaper. Each section was the responsibility of one or two senior editors who encouraged various students and faculty members to submit news articles concerning news items, or editorials on relevant topics.

Several new additions were made to the **Gazebo** to make it unique for the 1977-78 school year. The staff tried to include an editorial from the administration in attempt to bring it closer to the student body. Articles written by teachers and outsiders were an important part of the monthly periodical.

One new aspect of the feature section was a puzzle page which encouraged students to submit answers to word searches and crossword puzzles. The most popular feature proved to be "Society Sidelines" renamed "Gazebo Gossip."

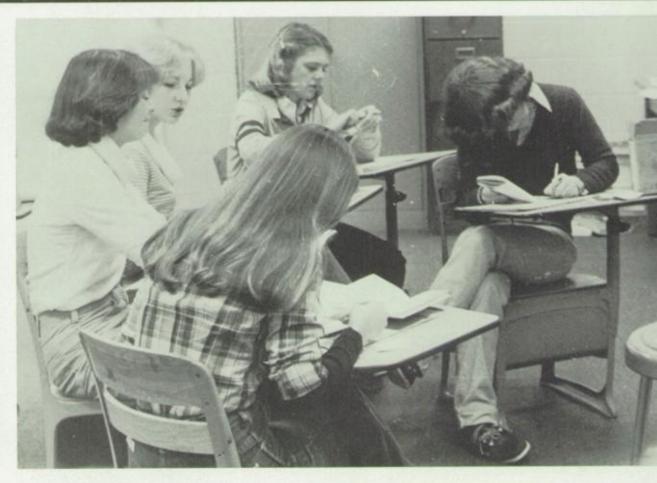
The Gazebo staff spent many hours after school to meet necessary deadlines. After articles were written and typed, page layouts had to be drawn and stencils cut. Mrs. Jimmie Watts performed the messy task of actually printing the newspaper.

The purpose of the **Gazebo** was to inform readers of student activities and express the ideas of the student body.

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Above: Photographers: Alan Burns, Donna Higgins, Bill Cummings; photo editors: Terri Dawson, Kenson Marbut. Above right: During annual class, a fourth period course for staff members, Pam Hodges, Nancy Peterson, Sherry Hall, Kenson Marbut and Katie Sattler identify individual class pictures. Right: Editor Holly Palmer and assistant editor Tricia Kelly finalize yearbook pages for a December deadline, while business manager Jennifer Jenkins addresses patron bills.







lbove: The Overlook Staff. Far above: Karen Ramsbottom, laying the part of Mrs. Linda Bibb, pores over an old nnual as Warren Dennis, posing as Mr. Griff Ethridge, poks on. The skit was performed to promote annual sales.

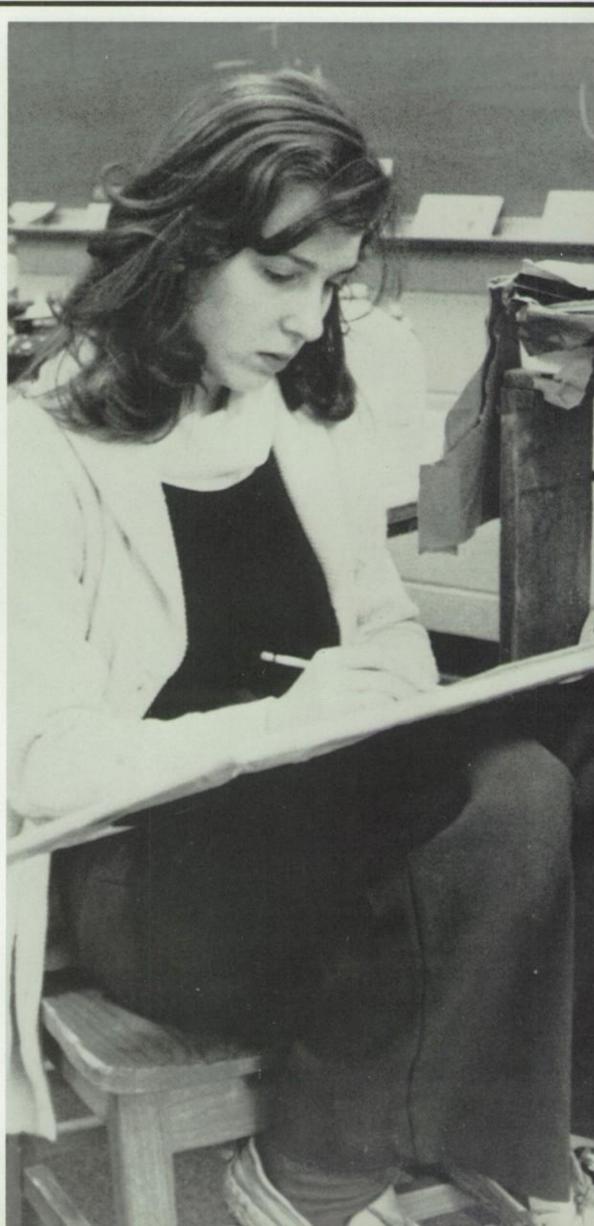
The 1978 **Overlook** was completely self-supporting. In order to establish this new independence, money was raised by various means, under the direction of Jennifer Jenkins, business manager. Funds were obtained from the traditional sources: sale of the book itself, picture sales, and ads sold to area businessmen.

New money-making projects were initiated to make up deficits. The Overlook staff provided a soft drink machine in the cafeteria. Machine revenues were used to pay for photographic supplies. Also, the senior class raised approximately \$2,000 by selling ten dollar patronages. The money earned took care of the cost of the color senior section. The theme and design of the Overlook won the Sweepstakes Award at Taylor Publishing Company's summer workshop at Georgia Tech. Bill Cummings, a sophomore, also won a first place prize in beginning photography. This workshop was attended by seven Stratford students who learned the fundamentals of layout design, and copywriting skills.

A two quarter journalism class was offered to students desiring to work on the yearbook and develop basic journalism skills. This class enabled the staff to work together daily and saved many after school sessions.

During the fall, students performed a skit in order to promote yearbook sales. Under the direction of Melissa Garrette, students portrayed various teachers in a farcical classroom situation.









Far left: Typists Sandy Shealy and Sandy Metts type free verse entries in the school typing room. Left: Sophomore Nancy Lisenby illustrates one of Light's short stores. Far above: The Light Staff: Nancy Lisenby, artist; Jamie Hester, assistant editor; Terry Thornton, editor; Mrs. Faye Holiday, advisor. Above: Editor Terry Thornton helps assistant editor Jamie Hester in proofreading contributions.

Literary: this adjective describes certain elements of creativity and personal thought expressed aloud or on paper. The **Light** Magazine was a compilation of literary works written by students and faculty members attempting to capture the feelings of the reader.

The **Light** contained many different genres of literature such as poetry, limmerick, haiku, short story and prose, as well as artwork and supplementary illustrations.

Terry Thornton and Jamie Hester, editor and co-editor respectively, cooperated with Mrs. Faye Holiday, advisor, in planning and publishing the anthology. The fifteen member staff worked soliciting articles, and proofreading and typing contributions.

Because of the lack of funds, the magazine had to be printed with the ditto machines instead of professionally as it had been in past years. Staff members sold baked goods during the lunch hour to raise needed funds. The magazine sold for 50¢ in the late spring.

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Above: Dee Ann Miller, in the 1977 spring production of "You Can't Take It With You," portrays Alice Vanderhof, dreaming of a future with Tom Kirby. Above left: Cornealia Ham prepares Ricky Marlowe's makeup for his role as Dussel in "The Diary of Anne Frank." Above right: Tino Sheridan, as Peter Van Dan, kisses Anne Frank, portrayed by Lynn O'Kelly at a changing point in their lives. Right: The Van Dan family cheers the newcomer Dr. Dussel with newfound hope.





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YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU

JUNK YARD

BY LEWIS JOHN CARLINO

COMEDY IN THREE ACTS
 BY MOSS HART AND GEORGE S. KAUFMAN

The Diary of anne Frank





ar above: Mr. Peterson, played by Russ Hatfield, bandiges the injured thief, Bill Cummings, while Dana Lewis prings water. Above: The Drama Club: Dana Lewis, presilent; Mary Virginia Kay, vice president; Jennifer Jenkins, ecretary; Ginger Jackson, treasurer; Mr. Eric Brannen, idvisor. The Stratford Players initiated many new ideas and expanded their horizons by involving more people, varying dramatic media, and adding set innovations.

Last year's spring play, "You Can't Take It With You," centered around the theme that one does not need money to

be happy.

The fall production, "The Diary of Anne Frank," differed from past plays in that it was an intense drama. The play was historically based, the classic story of man's inhumanity to man told through the life of a Jewish family in hiding during World War II. The use of sound effects heightened the drama.

"The Junkyard" brought the Stratford Players more acclaim than any production ever performed in Stratford's history. It was the story of a young bank robber who holds an old man and his daugh-

ter hostage.

The Players performed "The Junkyard" at Mercer University winning the Region 2-AA SEAIS title. Russ Hatfield won the Best Actor award; Dana Lewis received an honorable mention for Best Actress.

Placing first in the Georgia Theater Conference enabled Stratford to represent the state at the Southeastern Theater Conference in Lexington, Kentucky. There they competed with nine other state champions in one act play competition. To raise money for the trip to Kentucky, Drama Club members held a dinner theater in the school cafeteria.

The spring play, "The Mouse That Roared," was a satirical farce adapted by Christopher Sergel from the book by Leo-

nard Wibberley.

Drama Club sponsor Mr. Eric Brannen affiliated with the National Thespian Society, an honor group for students who have done outstanding work in the field of drama. Charter members included: Chuck Adams, Charlotte Bowen, Laura Broach, Chris Brown, Bill Cummings, Joanna Floyd, Melissa Garrette, Russ Hatfield, Bill Heard, Laurie Hiers, Ginger Jackson, Jennifer Jenkins, Mary Virginia Kay, Kathy King, Dana Lewis, Ricky Marlow, Dee Ann Miller, Lynn O'Kelly, and Tino Sheridan.

"The Smell of Greasepaint, the Roar of the Crowd," — theater with all its exciting, interdependent facets captured the imagination of the Stratford student body. Drama offered something for everyone: acting, creating, make-up, sound and lighting, and publicity. Theater at Stratford contributed significantly to making the school number 1!

ARGUAGE

Below: The French Club. Right: Cydney Tyler, dressed in antebellum costume, enjoys refreshments at the French Club Halloween Costume Party. Far right: French Club members sample French cuisine at their annual Christmas Party.







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Above: The Spanish Club. Left: Laura Broach, Corley Hawkins, Lisa Browne, and Lynn O'Kelley cook hot dogs for the Halloween cook out at Wesleyan Lake.

Hot dogs, Sleeping Beauty, and Frankenstein! One would hardly think this appropriate for "Le Cafe Societe," but, such was the scene at the French Club Halloween cook out and costume party. Though the cuisine was American, at least a little of the conversation was French. At each of the club's meetings this year, the members were entertained by plays presented in French. The Christmas party was the main event of the winter festivities, and was complete with Bouche de Noel and Christmas carols. To wrap up an active and enjoyable year, the French Club held its annual Spring Picnic in Washington Park.

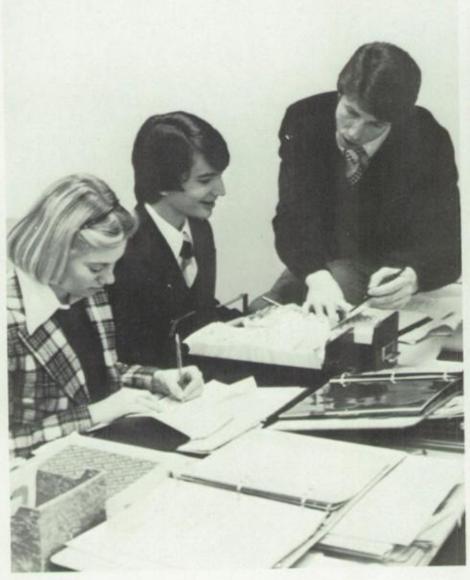
Much of the year's success was due to the efforts of officers Alan Burns, president; Lisa Herring, vice president, and Dana Lewis, secretary.

The Spanish Club, which included first, second, third, and fourth year students, was a new addition to the extracurricular program. Terry Thornton was elected president, Neal Ham, vice-president, and George Yeomans was chosen as membership chairman.

An end of the year trip to Pepes, a local Spanish restaurant, and parties on special occasions were the club's main activities.

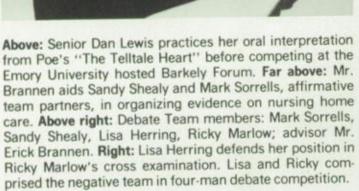
Mr. Watson Holloway's objective in forming the club was a summer trip to Mexico. Participating students spent three weeks living with Mexican families in order to observe the Spanish lifestyle and gain command of the Spanish language from a personal tutor.

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Far above: The Gingham Menagerie rehearses with Mr. Howard Ingley for their performance before the General Assembly. Above: The Gingham Menagerie.

The four man varsity debate team, comprised of Mark Sorrells, Sandy Shealy, Ricky Marlow, and Lisa Herring, competed in ten Georgia tournaments. Their successful season climaxed in early February when they secured the SEAIS region title at Mercer University, which enabled them to go on to state competition in Valdosta. Winning there made them number one in the state. Ricky Marlow was named first speaker in the competition; Mark Sorrells placed third, and Lisa Herring, fourth.

Other areas in which the Debate team competed included Oral Interpretation, a type of dramatic reading; Original Oratory, a five to seven minute memorized persuasive speech, and Extemporaneous Speaking, an impromptu speech on sundry current events topics.

Taught by Debate Team Coach Mr. Eric Brannen, a forensics course was offered to develop communication skills. This year long course was divided by quarters into debate, public speaking, and drama.

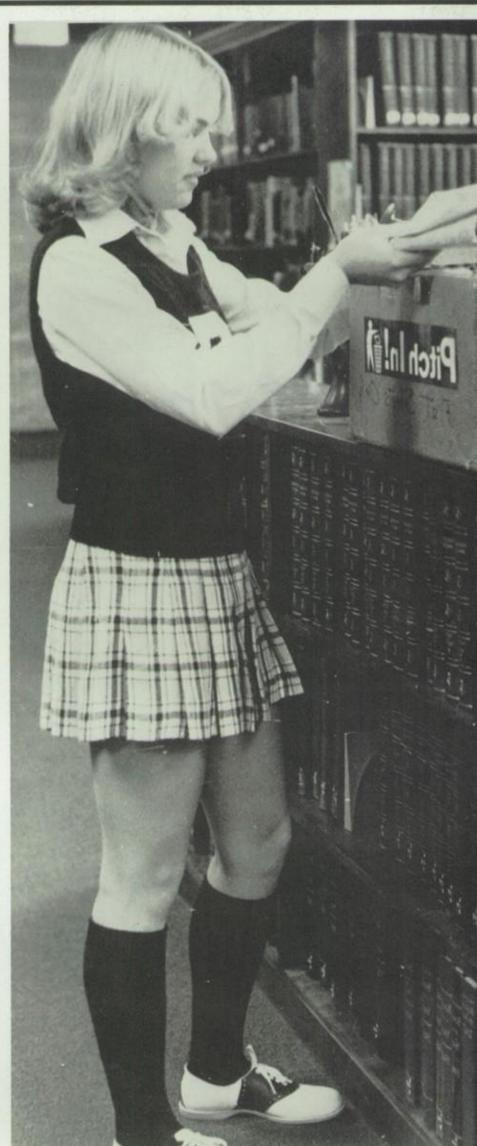
Representative Frank Horne of the Georgia legislature invited the Gingham Menagerie to perform at the state capital for Governor Busbee and members of the General Assembly. The chorus then enjoyed the remainder of the day in Atlanta.

The group competed in the SEAIS Literary Meet held March 1 at Mercer University. Members entered in girls' trio, boys' quartet, boys' solo, and piano solo. They also entertained Stratford students and parents at Fine Arts Festivals, held each year at the school by the Fine Arts department.

Right: SEA member Bessie Mallary contributes school papers to one of the SEA paper recycling collection boxes stationed throughout the school. Far below: SEA members — Mrs. Marjorie Lovein, advisor; Leah McLendon, treasurer; Wimberly McCook, secretary; Karl Loren, president; Pete Wellborn, vice president. Below: Newspaper collections sponsored by the SEA save valuable timber resources.

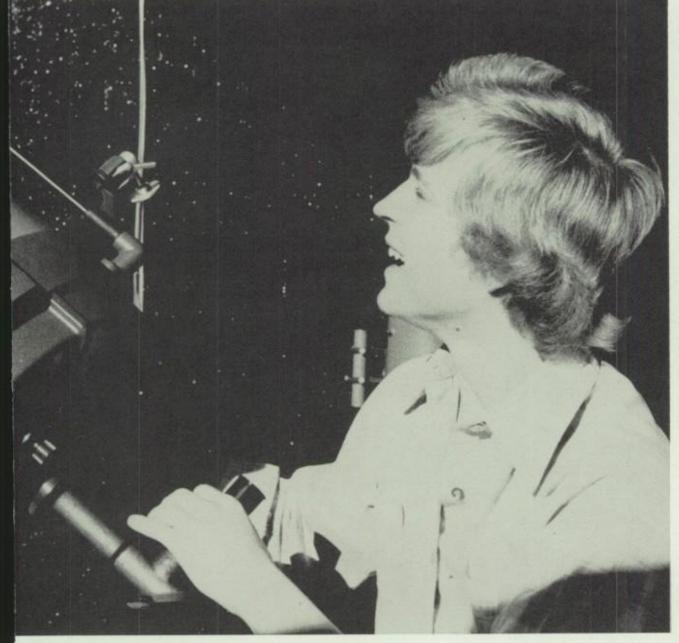






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Far above: The Science Club: Alan Burns, president; Mark Sorrells, secretary-treasurer; John Spivey, vice president; Amy Williams, club reporter, Mrs. Shelby Teague, advisor. Above: In an astronomy course offered by the Museum of Arts and Sciences, junior Warren Dennis sights a star constellation through a telescope.

The Stratford Ecology Assocation, under the direction of advisor Mrs. Marjorie Lovein, worked to make the student body more aware of conservation of resources in the school's environment. This was accomplished through several projects such as planting trees on the Peake Road grounds, a paper drive collection, an energy work shop, and an outdoor class for nature observation.

As well as serving Stratford, the SEA was active in the community. Club members collected Christmas gifts for an orphanage and took a field trip to observe the functions of local public health programs.

Though only in its second year, the Science Club was well on its way to becoming a major facet of school life. In fulfillment of the organization's goal to promote interest in the vital field of science, the club went on several field trips and helped sponsor a spring Science Fair to augment student participation in the field of science.

Field trips the club took included a lecture on black holes, quasars, and other space phenomena, held at the Museum of Arts and Science. Also, the club visited the Skidway Oceanographic Research Center off the coast of Savannah. Members were able to obtain a firsthand look at oceanographic experimentation.

Select club members went to Americus, Ga. for the Georgia Southwestern sponsored science test. Club president, Alan Burns, received the top score of participants from all over the state.

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Above: The Eagle's Eye View Staff. Above right: The Middle School Chorus. Right: Jennifer Newton and Artie Schwartz assemble pages for the winter issue of the Eagle's Eye View.



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With the formation of the middle school several independent clubs were chartered to cater to student interests. These includes the Middle School Council, which served a a sounding board for student concerns, and planned activities; the Middle School Dram Club, which provided students with an introduction to the performing arts; The Eagle' Eye View Staff, a student publication organization, and finally, the Middle School Chorus.

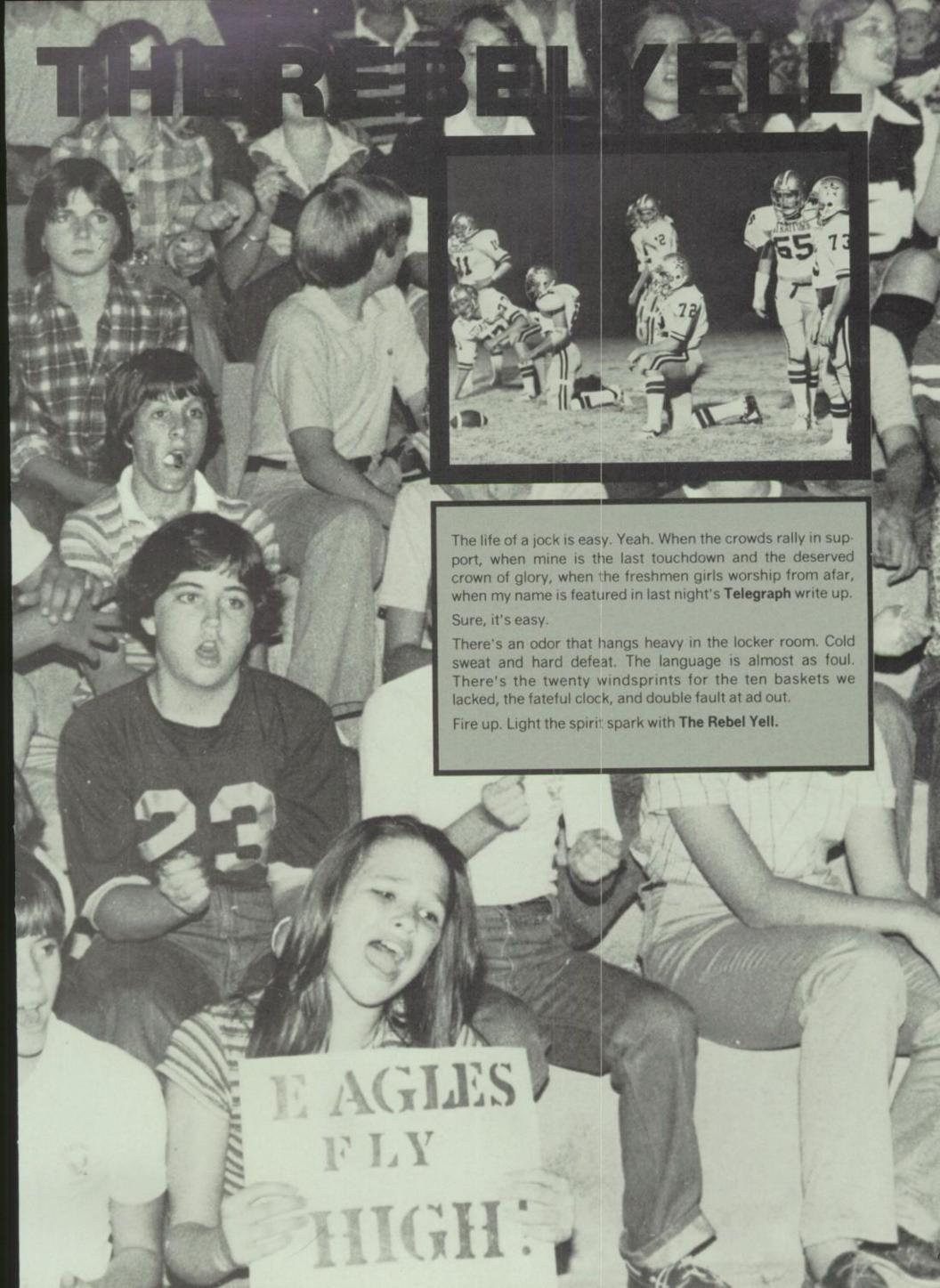
The Middle School Council, advised by Mr. Andy Lawson, was comprised of 10 members with two representatives from each homeroom. The council, which followed majority rule, was instrumental in planning Homecoming and Spirit Weel activities. Additional projects the Middle School Council undertook included the beautification of the middle school entrance, and several dances.

In its initial year, the Middle School Drama Club included 38 members under the leadership of Mr. Tommy Tift. Among its productions was a Thanksgiving revue performed for the Stratford Interested Parents, and grammar and middle school students. A trip to the Grand Opera House to see "Richard III," and a production of two scenes from Shakespeare's "Midsummer's Night's Dream" were the main events of the winter quarter.

The Eagle's Eye View, published quarterly for and by middle schoolers, included edito rials, news, and feature and sports articles Each section was headed by a separate editor. All of the reporting, writing, and typing was done by the students, and then proof read by advisor Mrs. Jane Vogt.

Under the direction of Mr. Howard Ingley the Middle School Chorus performed a school Fine Arts Festivals and for the Christ mas assembly. Chorus members met sec ond period daily.





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Following the football season, concert work began. In early December, Ricky Marlow, Dave Deal, Cindy Courtney and Karl Lorenze attended the Georgia College Jazz Festival in Milledgeville. There they were entertained by some of the top jazz musicians in the country. They also received instruction at several jazz workshops.

During the holiday season, the band gave a special Christmas concert for senior citizens at Bel Harbor Nursing Home.

January marked the formation of the Dixieland Jazz Ensemble, formed primarily for the enjoyment of its six select members. This ensemble played New Orleans Dixieland jazz.

The band supported the football team by playing at almost every home game. Following basketball season, the band rehearsed more serious concert material, performing in the fine arts school functions. They concluded the year with a performance at graduation ceremonies.



Above: Dixieland Jazz Ensemble Members: Mark Hemingway, Karl Lorenz, Dave Deal. Bill Heard, Ricky Marlow and Jim Barrow. Above right: Buddy Batchelor, sixth grader, harmonizes with the melody on his French horn at a home basketball game. Right: Eighth grader Mark Hemingway waits for his cue from the director.







Below: Stratford Eagle Band members. **Left:** Director Mr. Earl Barnette leads the band in the school fight song at a basketball pep rally.



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Activities began in July with attendance at Joycliffe Twirling Camp on the University of Georgia campus. There each girl studied with college performers to learn new routines and to sharpen twirling skills. Practice sessions were also held regularly throughout the summer in preparation for the coming year.

In addition to performances at football games, the twirlers presented routines at the University of Georgia Band Day, basketball games, and in the Stratford Showcase. Shortly after Christmas, work began on competitive routines for the District XI Solo-Ensemble Festival.

The Majorettes and Flag Twirlers became skilled in all areas of baton twirling, including one-and two-baton, one-and two-flag, fire baton, hoops, pom-poms, dance and field marching. Mrs. Georgann Banks supervised the girl's practices and activities.



Above: The Golden Girl Majorette Corps: Mary Virginia Kay, Yvette Shaw, Terry Thornton, captain; Jennifer Jenkins, co-captain. Right: Mary Virginia Kay performs to the tune of "I Love Paris" at the Homecoming pep rally.









Left: Flag twirler Gena Cummings listens for the band's signal to start her routine. Far above: The Twirlers and Flag Corps watch the final minutes of the first half before their halftime performance. Above: The Stratford Flag Corps: Genise Rush, Robin Hogan, captain; Corley Hawkins, Ellen McElrath, co-captain; Kathy King, Gena Cummings, Nancy London.

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Football players expressed their appreciation for the girl's support by inviting them to steak suppers held before each game. At the last dinner, members of the cheerleading squad read a poem they had written about the season and gave the team a cake shaped like a football.

The girls expanded the two-year tradition of male basketball cheerleaders. Bob Turner and Bryant Willis cheered at varsity football games. They helped the squad with gymnastic stunts and used megaphones to encourage the crowd to yell. Several other boy, worked with the squad during the basketball sea-





Above: Co-captain Lee Kinman reflects the emotions of the crowd at the end of the State Championship football game. Above right: Captain Terri Dawson jokes around during halftime at a home basketball game. Right: Laura Lamb and Bob Turner perform a one arm bandit, one of many acrobatic stunts the boys assisted the squad in





Below: Summer Smisson, Denise Beall, Bonnie Ramsbottom, and Laura Lamb enjoy their weekly steak dinner with the football players. Far below: Bob Turner and Bryant Willis, new additions to the squad, use megaphones to shout encouragement to the Eagle defense. Below left: Karen Ramsbottom and Sean Dodd bring the crowd to their feet as the Eagles make a goal line stand. Left: Varsity cheerleaders: Terri Dawson, captain; Lee Kinman, co-captain; Denise Beall, Bonnie Ramsbottom, Laura Lamb, Diane Edwards, Nancy Peterson, Beth Dunwody, Summer Smisson, Karen Ramsbottom, and Sean Dodd.







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The eighth grade squaders Making signs was one way the girls illustrated support for their teams. At all varsity sport games they sold programs and had several raffles to raise money for the Cheerleading Fund. They made new skirts for basketball season; these were paid for by the Booster's Club. During the football season Cydney Tyler was captain and Dee Ann Miller served as co-captain. Dee Ann became captain and Jill Young co-captain for the basket-

The eighth grade squad was selected in October. Seven girls were chosen from the twenty-five who tried out. This squad cheered almost every Saturday morning for the eighth grade boy's and girl's basketball teams. Alice Strawn was elected captain. The B-team cheerleaders helped the eighth grade squad during their practices, which were held twice weekly.

Mrs. Sandy Popson, advisor, worked with both squads and directed the varsity squad.





Above: Eighth Grade Cheerleaders: Bessie Mallary, Kem Robinson, Leah McLendon, Tracy Simms, Jill Huffman, Wimberly McCook, Alice Strawn, captain. Above right: Bteam cheerleaders Nan Solomon and Karen Jarrard sell programs at a varsity football game, one of the squad's many services. Right: Bessie Mallary welcomes the team onto the court with a stag jump as Leah McLendon and Wimberly McCook cheer.





Below: B-team cheerleader Susan Westmoreland encourages the crowd to join her in "Hey you — out in the crowd." Below left: B-team Cheerleaders: Elaine Hammock, Jill Young, Dee Ann Miller, Susan Westmoreland, Teri Williams, Nan Solomon, Staci Goldman, Karen Garrard, Stelle Owens, Joy Johnson, Cydney Tyler. Left: At the Jonesco game, Dee Ann Miller watches the court action anxiously as the score margin narrows.





Blood Makes the Grass Grow =

Playing football meant more than just the 48 minutes on the scoreboard clock weekly. For every minute on the playing field there were 20 spent on the practice field, three spent reviewing films, and seven spent lifting weights.

"There's two kinds of hearts, one is a BB heart, the other is an elephant heart. All of these guys have elephant hearts. They're young men; they're football players," Coach Jones said at the Presbyterian game pep rally. Remarked senior tackle Tommy McSwain, "Coach Jones believes in having a big enough heart to want to win, and also having an inner desire to make all competitors stand in awe of your spirit and will to achieve greatness." It was not on the playing field, but during gruelling hours of practice that those elephant hearts were developed.

With Coach Jones and his staff came two new traditions. One was the instantly popular "breakdown." The purpose of the breakdown was to release emotion and at the same ting to fire up the team. The team did this before every practicand every game. The cheerleaders promoted the tradition using it as a new cheer to spark the fans.

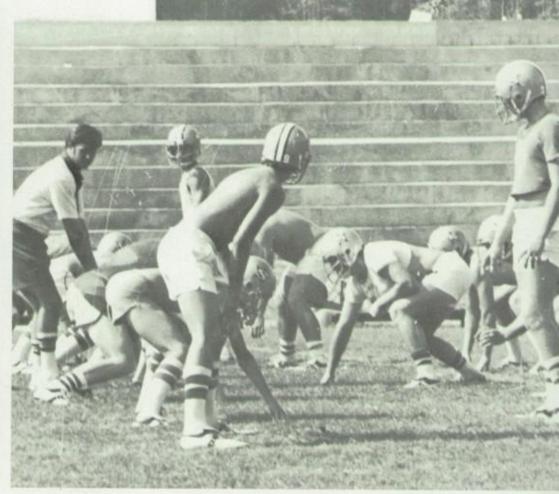
The second tradition was the Thursday night supper. Pla ers, coaches and the cheerleaders congregated in the scho cafeteria after an abbreviated practice session for a stedinner.

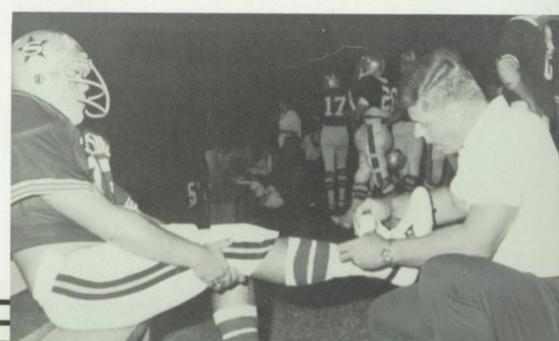
A brief award ceremony honoring players for their performance in the previous week's game was a part of this week event.

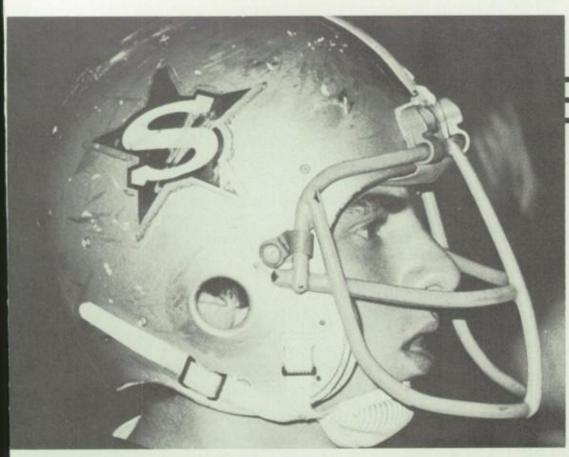
On Saturday, the team gathered in room 128 to revie films from the previous night's game. During this session the coaches pointed out weaknesses in plays and each individual's performance.



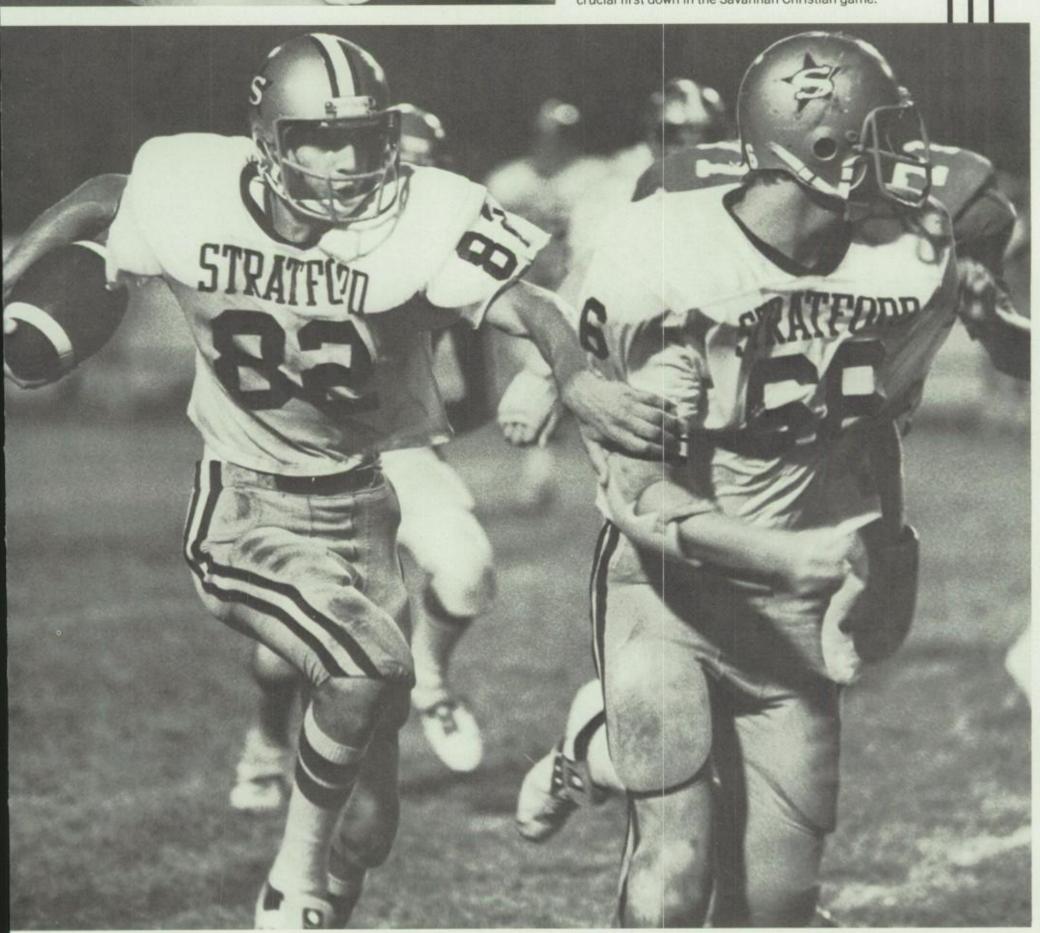
Above: Head Coach Darryl Jones and assistant coaches Bill Kurek and Richard Battcher follow Eagle defense in pursuit of a Deerfield running back. Above right: The Defense is drilled by scout offensive during a summer practice session. Right: Defensive tackle Tommy McSwain grimaces in pain while Trainer Bill Kurek applies a bandage.







Left: Junior defensive back Matt London watches intently from the sidelines. Below: Right guard Brother Massenburg blocks downfield for split end Jimmy Maddox for a crucial first down in the Savannah Christian game.



Eagle Fire Burns Vikings—

"The ball game tonight is the most important game I've ever been associated with. We're gonna play tonight like we should have been before," Coach Darryl Jones announced quietly at the Presbyterian game pep rally.

The members of the team sat in the background, thinking of the sweat, the pain, and the work of practice — hours and hours of practice, all for but a few crucial minutes of play. They knew if they were to get things going, it would have to be that night or never. The team sported a humbling 0-3 record.

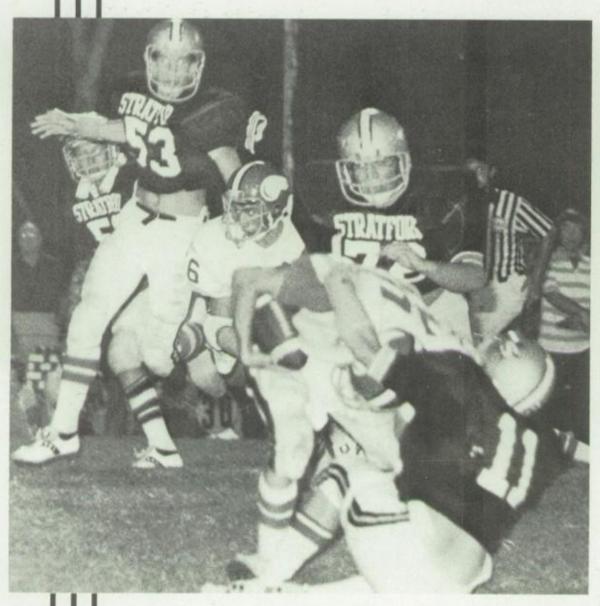
Getting up for the rival Viking team was not difficult, but two unique factors fired the team to an infinite high. First, a quiet pep talk among the eagle statues planted a small but infectious germ of confidence in each player's heart.

Something unexpected always gives an edge to a team's

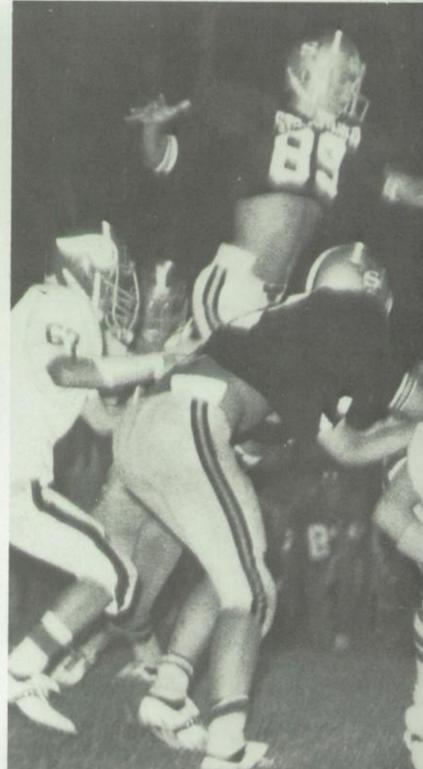
chances of victory. Everything was set as usual for the pigame warm up, but the team was not there. They had sliped off to a church softball field for their warm up. Only mutes before the starting whistle, they burst over the hill a down through the stands in a corridor of cheering fans.

The game was in the Eagle's claws from the start. Str. ford kicked off and the defense took command of the fie forcing a Viking fumble in the first series of plays. Taki advantage of the break, the offense gained a seven polead in a few quick bursts.

The offensive team came out convincingly in the first had only to explode in the second, for a 37-6 final score. In addition to vanquishing main rival Presbyterian, the gar snuffed out any team doubts and proved to Coach Jon that his team would indeed win.

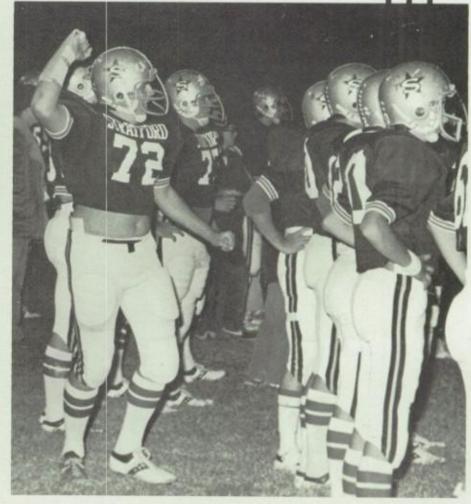


Above: Defensive end Morgan Arden tackles the o pring ball carrier, while Ben Jackson and Durwood Benson pursue the play. Right: Mike Seekins, defensive end, and Steve Solomon, defensive tackle, break the offensive line.





Below: Nosegurad Durward Benson expresses encouragement from the Eagle sidelines. Far below: Managers Cathy Kurek, Joy Culpepper, Si Becker, Joy Johnson, Ginger Jackson, Fran Willis, Lynn Metts and Becky Lanford fill coolers for players' refreshment. Below left: Inside twin Tommy Shealy scores on a 27 yard touchdown pass blocked by Jimmy Maddox. Left: Split end Rusty Hilburn gains yardage needed for a first down.







The Thrill of Victory ____

May 9. The team began spring practice. New faces included coaches Jimmy Stewart, Bill Kurek, Richard Battcher and Randy Carr. The new staff took on the tough job of teaching a new brand of football.

August 1. Summer practice started. For the first week, the players underwent an intensified sort of football camp. Outside practice combined with classroom chalk talks for nine hours daily.

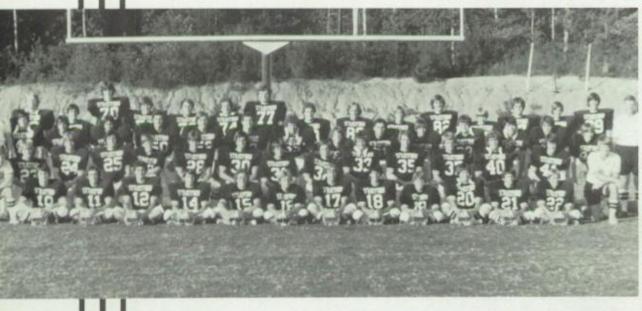
August 26. The Eagle team travelled to Southland Academy for the season opener. The Raiders squelched the Eagle's hope of an undefeated season with a 15-6 victory. Safety Neal Ham set a school record with a 97 yard punt

return.

November 11. Since their initial defeat, the Eagles had to lied five victories and a region championship, putting the in contention for the SEAIS AA state title. The team met to Savannah Christian Red Raiders on the home field before crowd of 4,000. Coach Jones attributed Stratford's agoning 33-10 defeat to the team's inability to stop the opportions inside running game. Durward Benson put points the board with a 21 yard field goal and Jeff Battcher ran to ball over the endline for six more.

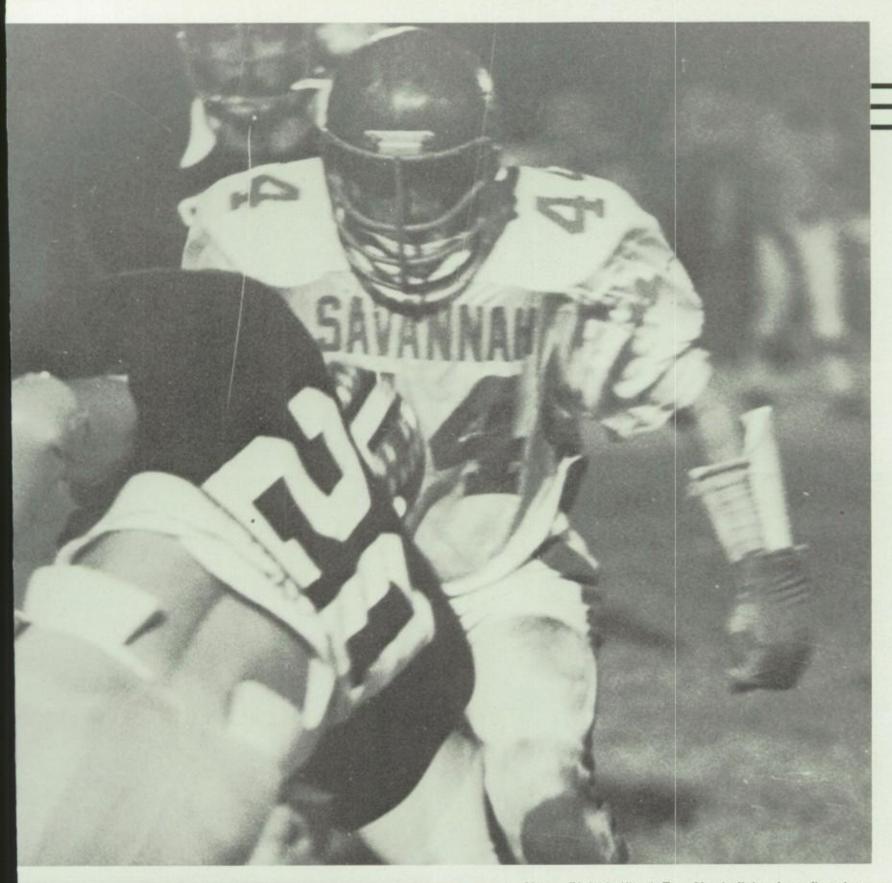
December 8. At the Fall Sports Banquet, players, coach and team supporters gathered in the cafeteria for a stedinner and the presentation of awards. Jay Olliff receive the the Jeff Allen Memorial Trophy awarded to the most vuable player. Jim Penn was awarded Coca Cola's prestigio Golden Helmet award.





Above: The Varsity Football Team and coaches. **Far above:** Gridmen rejoice after their 14-8 defeat of Jonesco's Colts. **Right:** During a pep assembly, Coach Darryl Jones presents the region championship trophy to Headmaster Henry Tift.







Above: Right halfback Trey Norris fights for a first down against a formidable Raider lineman. **Left:** Defensive back Neal Ham is helped off the field by Assistant Coach Bill Kurek and Dr. Antonio Fernandez, after receiving a severe blow to his midsection.

And the Agony of Defeat =

-Student Council Sponsors Week -

Green operating scrub suits, girls in men's sport coats and ties, guys dressed in sleeveless T-shirts and tattered blue jeans — this was the attire for the first annual Professions Day. As part of the Student Council sponsored Homecoming Week, students were asked to dress in a manner depicting the career they planned to pursue.

Another activity of the week was the second traditional pep rally and bonfire, held on Thursday night before the big game. The highlight of the pep rally entertainment was the faculty skit, starring such celebrities as "Crazy Legs" Ethridge, and "Heaving Henry" Tift. The cheerleaders planned a special program, and the Twirlers, Golden Girls, Flag Corps, and Band performed as well.

Students were asked to dress up for a Fifties Day. B-bops

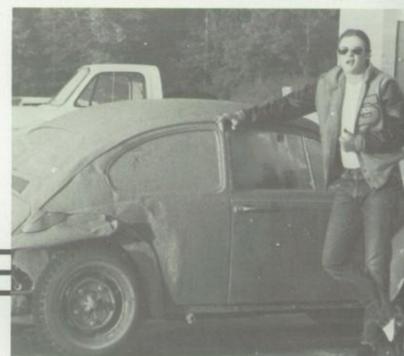
and bobby socks were the mode in footwear and ponyta and "the slick look" were fashionable hair styles. To cheerleaders, dressed in typical cheerleading uniforms the period, sponsored a twist contest during Friday's parally. Brad Bibb and Laine Lasseter were crowned Twist Killiand Queen. Tony Ratliff won the award for the best costum dressed as a floosy teenage girl.

On T-shirt and Blue Jean Day, students wore T-shirts of colors and designs. Teachers caught the spirit bug a dressed appropriately for all these special days.

Each high school class elected a class representative the Homecoming Court. Anne Herring, Whitney Beard, a Marcia Hemingway were chosen from the freshman, soph more and junior classes respectively.



Above: The Homecoming candidates and representatives anxiously await Wednesday's voting results. **Right:** "Big Steve" Solomon poses by his cool juicemobile as King of Fifties Day.





Anne Herring Freshman Representative



Whitney Beard Sophomore Representative

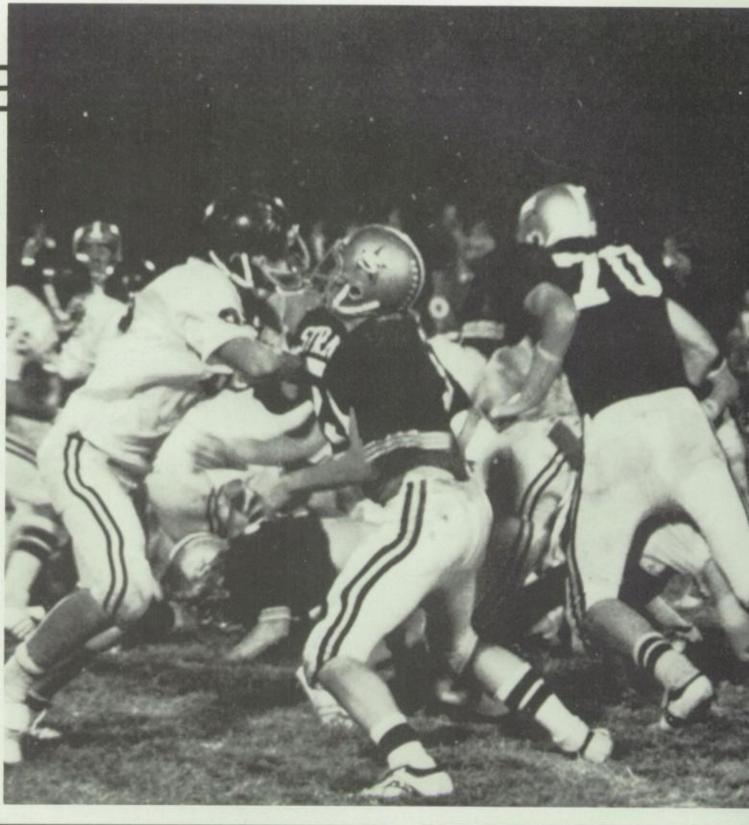


Marcia Hemingway Junior Representative

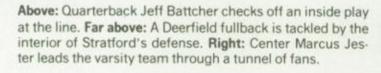




Above: The Freshman class cooperates in decorating their class wall for Homecoming Week competition. Far above: Coach "Farryl Bones," alias Mr. Skip Fields, and manager Mrs. Estelle Nirenstein display the remains of the Deerfield quarterback.









Gotta Get It Goin' =

Tension mounted throughout the week and victory was on the mind of every football player. At last, the night of the Stratford-Deerfield duel arrived. Parents, students and alumni filled the stands at Stratford's eighteenth annual Homecoming game. Huddled in blankets to fend off the biting cold, the crowd cheered until their voices were hoarse. But, despite their gallant support, the outcome of the game was in Deerfield's favor.

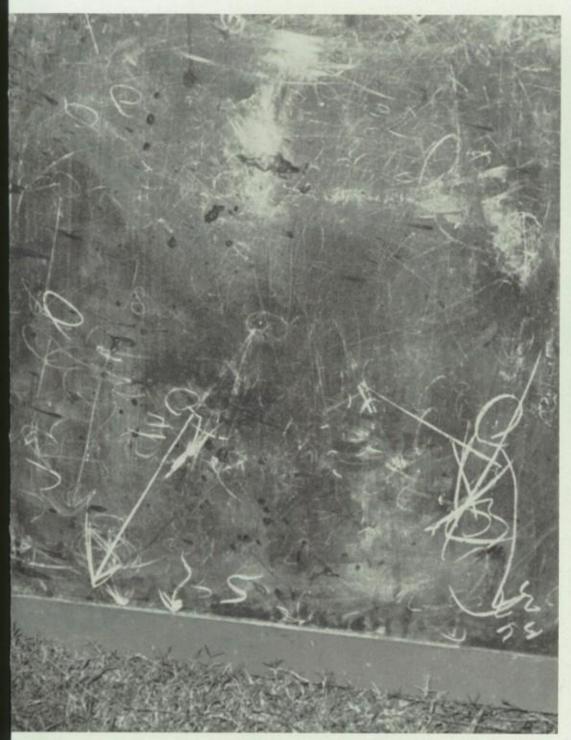
After the week's excitement, the loss was a letdown, but Deerfield only surpassed Stratford on the scoreboard, and there by only five points. The rest of the glory belonged to the Eagles with 147 passing yards and 102 rushing yards.

With only three minutes remaining, the Eagles were down by three touchdowns. Quarterback Jeff Battcher called the learn into the pass offense. He completed a 30 yard pass to Jay Olliff who ran it another ten yards for an Eagle score.

The Eagle comeback could not be stopped. Trey Norris, right halfback, scored on a six yard running drive with only ten seconds left on the clock to make the final score 17-12.

Jeff Battcher summed up the feeling of the team after the defeat: "Knowing the tradition that Stratford had never lost a Homecoming game, I felt bad that we lost. Even though it wasn't a region game, all of us took it as a big loss because we felt we let down the people, the fans."

Both the band and the twirlers performed in a gala halftime show. The spectators were entertained by the popular tunes of "Get Up and Boogie," "I Love Lucy," and the "Fifth of Beethoven." The announcement of the 77-78 Stratford Homecoming Queen, Nancy Peterson, was the grand finale.





Left: Coach Darryl Jones' halftime chalkboard illustrates the team's frustration. **Above:** Quarterback Jeff Battcher hands off as Trey Norris plunges over the right side of the line.

Right: Homecoming Queen Nancy Peterson — Nancy represented the Key Club in the Homecoming Court as their Sweetheart. She is active in Pep Club, Student Council, Beta Club, the Overlook Staff, cheerleading and basketball and is a baseball manager. Below right: A smiling Nancy Peterson is congratulated by her brother and escort, Johnny Peterson, and the rest of the court.



Kenson Marbut Pep Club First Runner-Up



Sean Dodd Cheerleaders Second Runner-Up





"Pete" Crowned Homecoming Queen

Nine talented and active girls were chosen by student organizations to be in the Homecoming Court. The Key Club sponsored Nancy Peterson; the Beta Club chose Sandy Shealy, and the **Overlook** elected Holly Palmer. Kenson Marbut was the Pep Club's representative and Sean Dodd the Varsity Cheerleader's choice. The French Club selected Fabia Rogers for their candidate and Terry Thornton was put up by **Light** Magazine. Donna Kay Miller was sponsored by the **Gazebo**; Cornealia Ham was chosen by the Science Club.

Each of the candidates worked hard on her campaign, treating students with candy goodies, cookies, and election buttons, reflecting her theme. Some themes included "Charlie Brown" and "Nancy," both of comic strip fame. Efforts were made to be as creative as possible on the campaigns.

The candidates voted not to maintain the costly tradition of making wall-size posters and outdoor billboards. Instead, they had pictures of themselves blown up and mounted above a list of their accomplishments and activities.

October 14, the night of the game, the fans sat on the edge of their seats as the last girl was introduced. Drum rolls rumbled as the second runner-up was announced. Sean Dodd received this honor. Kenson Marbut was named as first runner-up. The air of excitement mounted. A dramatic pause and Mr. Tift announced Nancy Peterson as the 1977-1978 Homecoming Queen.

Said Nancy of her victory: "I just consider it a great honor to be chosen to represent the school in that way. It was such a thrill when Jenny crowned me."



Fabia Rogers French Club



Donna Kay Miller Gazebo Staff



Sandy Shealy Beta Club



Holly Palmer Overlook Staff



Hustle and Determination Pay Off

The strength and skill of the boys' basketball team was evidenced by their winning record. Coach Grady Smith felt teamwork was the main factor attributing to this success.

The nucleus of the team attended the Mercer University Basketball Clinic for a week in June. This provided the squad with the necessary experience of working together.

The team's offense utilized the fast break. One and manto-man defenses, initiated by guards Brad Bibb and Rusty Hilburn, were used depending on the game and situation.

Practice began in early October, held five days weekly. During the season, two hour practices were held three times a week. At these practices the team worked on strategy for each opposition, ran drills, scrimaged, and practiced foul shooting.

Four seniors and one junior comprised the starting lineup. Four of these five were returning starters. Second leading scorer Brad Bibb led the team in assists. Junior Rusty

Hilburn was point guard, in charge of running the offense. Bob Turner, senior, excelled in outside shooting. Senior Hank Clay led the team in rebounding and Clay Lisenby, at 6'6" was the Eagles' leading scorer. Team managers Si Becker and Kirby Garner's duties included fixing punch, cleaning floors and washing practice uniforms and towels.

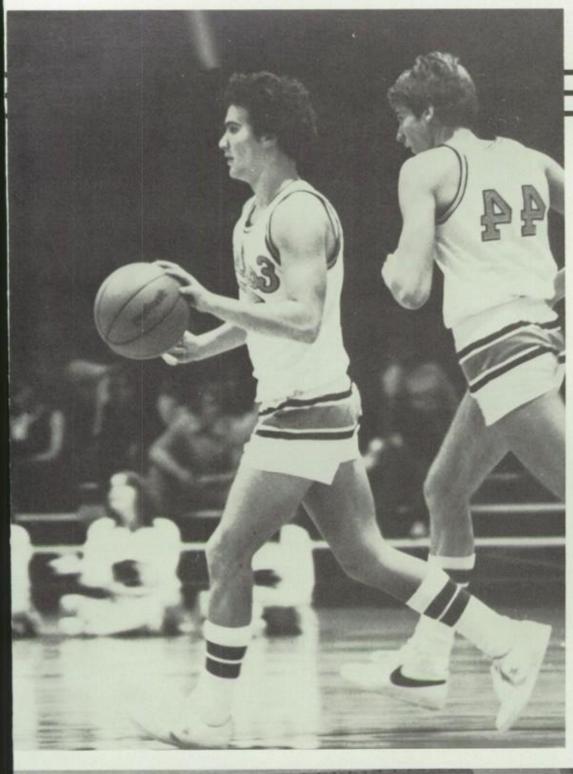
In the region playoffs three Stratford players made the A Region Tournament team: Hank Clay, Bob Turner, and Cla Lisenby. Lisenby and Clay also made the All-Region team along with Brad Bibb. In the state tournament, again, three players were selected for the State Tournament team. These were Brad Bibb, Hank Clay, and Clay Lisenby.

Brad Bibb commented of these accomplishments, "It was a great feeling because it made me feel like I had contributed to winning something that I had hoped for since the beginning of the season."

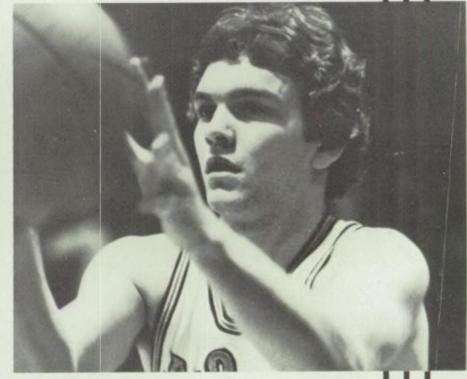


Above: The Boys' Varsity Basketball team. **Right:** Brad Bibb breaks Savannah Christian's man-to-man defense and runs into the lane. The Eagles went on to defeat the Raiders, 61-56.





Below: Bob Turner receives a pass and looks for an opening for an inside drive. Below left: Brad Bibb steals the ball from an unsuspecting Westfield guard and looks to teammates Rusty Hilburn and Clay Lisenby for help. Left: Playmaker Rusty Hilburn brings the ball up the court with Hank Clay preparing for an offensive attack.





Depth Provides Added Strength

The Eagles opened the 1977-78 season with a 40 point win over Flint River. The team enjoyed successive wins over Brentwood, Southwest Georgia and Edmund Burke, before trouncing city rival Tatnall Square, 85-53, in their first region game.

The squad then travelled to Sylvester to play a formidable Worth Academy team. With Hank Clay's 28 points and 13

rebounds, they easily lassoed the Stallions.

In their first real challenge the Eagles chalked up another

victory against a strong Savannah Christian team.

A Beechwood defeat brought the team to the Christmas tournament with an 8-0 record. Presbyterian hosted four teams in the annual tourney. Eagle triumps over Windsor and Presbyterian gave them the coveted first place. Both Brad Bibb and center Clay Lisenby were named to the All-Tournament team.

Successive victories over Monroe and the Westfield Hor-

nets brought the Eagles to face defending state champion the Southland Raiders. The team soundly defeated the Rai ers by 30 points, 82-52.

Stratford went on to defeat Flint River, and scraped by stubborn Windsor team, 59-53. Following a 81-49 shallac ing of Jonesco, the Eagles whipped Presbyterian and too consecutive victories over Westfield and Southwest Georgia

Ranked first in the state, the 19-0 team blasted Monro for their fifth region win. After three more wins the Eagle spotless record was finally soiled by a determined Vikin squad. After defeating Beechwood, the Eagles met a mucimproved Windsor team for their second loss.

The team record of 24-2 was the best in the state, earning them a number two spot in the state's top ten. The Eagle closed the regular season with wins over Southland and

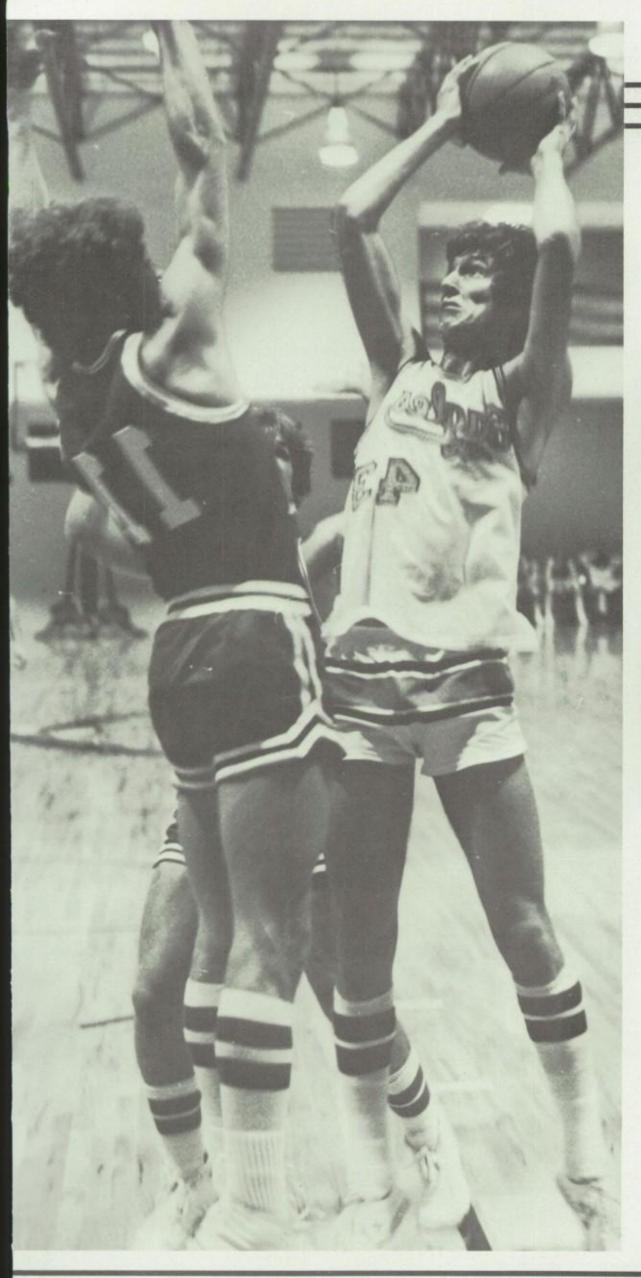
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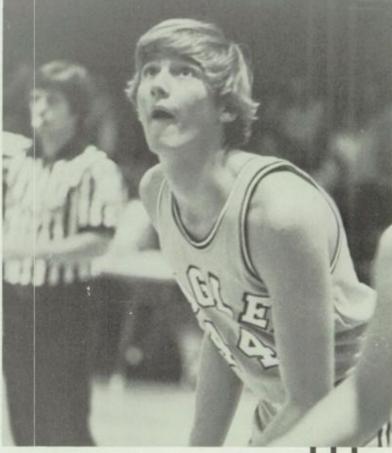


Above: Clay Lisenby concentrates on the basket before the referee hands him the ball for a foul shot. **Above right:** The Eagle bench reflects varied emotions. **Right:** Brad Bibb and Mark Barron set up in zone defense, attempting to trap a Westfield guard.









Left: Senior Clay Lisenby stretches to overcome the blocking attempt of a Southland Raider. Above: Hank Clay sets his sights on a free throw rebound.

Boys Win State to Climax Season

Number one. 1977-78 was Stratford's year for victory, as both the girls' and boys' teams proved February 25 in state basketball competition. Later, at an awards assembly, Mr. Tift enumerated Stratford's many state victories and congratulated the teams.

The Eagles were number one entering the First Presbyterian hosted region tournament. Therefore, they did not play in the first rounds. The team's first foe was Windsor. With unequaled crowd support the team thrashed the Knights,

62-43.

The squad then faced Monroe for the region championship. Crippled by cold shooting and foul trouble they were defeated, 47-46. Brad Bibb led the offensive attack with 16 points.

The Eagles entered the SEAS State AA Tournament with a 27-3 record. They faced Edmund Burke in first round play. Stratford demolished the Spartans, 76-52, with five team

members scoring in double figures.

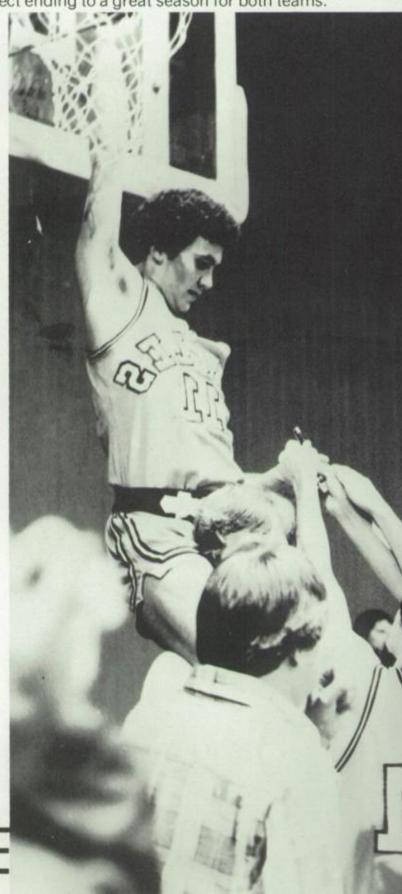
In second round action the Eagles easily thwarted scrappy River North team, 61-45. Hank Clay and Clausenby tossed in 13 apiece and Bob Turner and Brad Bib each added 12.

The state championship basketball game, as the state championship football game, pitted the Eagles against the Savannah Christian Red Raiders. A packed gymnasium wassed a close see-saw game at John Milledge Academy Milledgeville. A fourth quarter surge lifted the Eagles to 59-50 win over the Raiders. The State AA Champion Eaglifinished the year 30-3.

Hank Clay reviewed the season in this way: "Being on a state championship team has got to be an exciting expeence, but to have the opportunity to win the state champioship just a few hours after watching your school's girls' tea win their state championship is really phenomenal. It was perfect ending to a great season for both teams."



Above: Mark Barron takes a swallow of the victory champagne as Clay Lisenby anxiously awaits his turn. Right: Riding high on Brother Massenburg's shoulders, Rusty Hilburn takes a knife to cut down the net.





Left: Hank Clay battles River North defenders in second round state play. Below: The Eagles triumphantly display the state championship trophy. Far below: Team members manifest mixed emotions as they await the anticlimatic awards ceremony.





Girls Strive to Defend Title-

With seniors Laine Lasseter and Nancy Peterson, juniors Sandy Metts and Marcia Hemingway, and sophomore Lisa Wilson heading the lineup, the Eaglettes extended their winning streak to 65-0 with successive victories over Flint River, Brentwood, Edmund Burke and Southwest Georgia. The winning streak was broken by a formidable Worth Academy team in the first game the Eaglettes had lost in two years. Hindered by early foul trouble, the squad was unable to battle back.

After stomping Beechwood in Marshalville, 85-35, the Eaglettes captured first place in the Christmas tournament. They beat Tatnall Square, 70-46, in the first round, and then advanced to the finals, defeating a strong Presbyterian team.

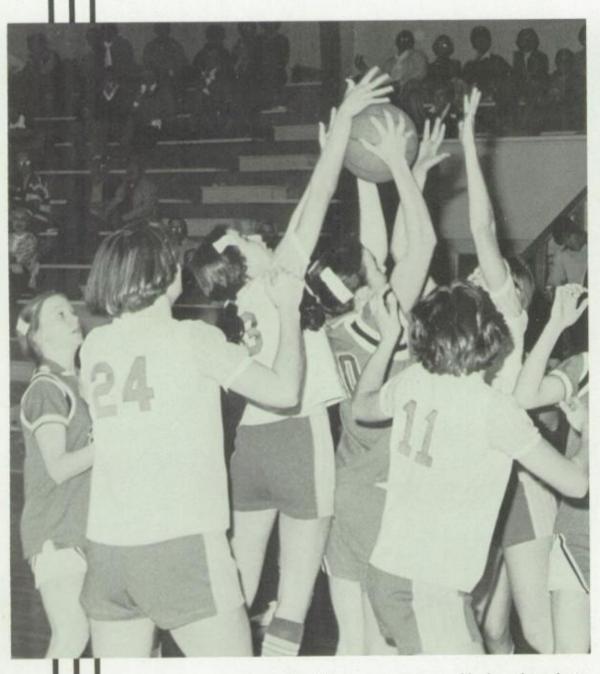
The Eaglettes suffered a close overtime defeat to Monroe. In this game, Laine Lasseter broke a school record by scor-

ing an all time game high of 46 points. After defeating lor time rival, Westfield, the squad travelled to Americus whe they suffered a loss to defending state runnersup, the Southland Raiders.

With second time victories over Flint River and Joneso and region wins over Windsor and Presbyterian, the tea was confident they could beat Monroe in the Stratford gyr The Eaglettes upset the Mustangettes, 71-69, in one of the stratford gyr and gyr and

season's most exciting games.

They suffered disappointing overtime losses to Westfie and Southwest Georgia, though they had beaten both tear earlier in the season. The squad compensated for the losses by defeating Tatnall Square, Beechwood and Prebyterian. They hosted their last regular season game again Edmund Burke in mid-February before region tourname action began.



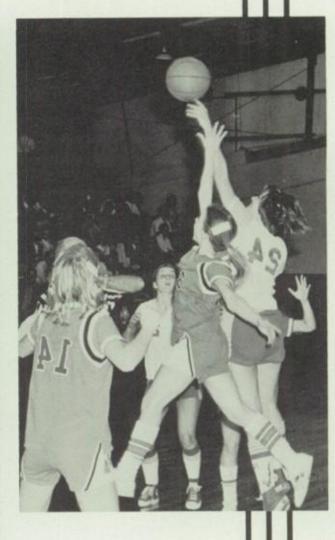
Above: Lisa Wilson comes down with the rebound surrounded by Westfield Hornets. **Right:** Laine Lasseter runs downcourt to set up in her center position in the Eaglette defense.





Below right: Junior Sandy Metts watches intently for the free throw rebound in the Eaglettes' game against Southland. Below left: Marcia Hemingway struggles in vain for a center court jump ball. Left: The Girls' Varsity Basketball team.





Girls Overcome Inexperience

The Stratford Eaglettes worked extremely hard during the summer to prepare for the coming season. Most of the team attended the Norman Carter Basketball Camp in July. Laine Lasseter, Sandy Metts and Lisa Wilson were selected to the camp's All-Star team. The girls also practiced on their own several times a week at the Stratford gym. With a 60-0 winning streak behind them, they were determined to maintain their undefeated record.

Beginning in October, practice was held each day at 2:15. In his eighth season as girls' varsity coach, Coach Grady Smith predicted a good season for the Eaglettes despite their lack of playing experience. Only one starter returned from the 1976-77 Eaglette squad.

The team won their first five games before snapping the winning streak with a loss to Worth Academy. During the

Christmas holidays the team captured first place in the Prebyterian hosted Christmas tournament. Competing in tournament were Presbyterian, Windsor and Stratford. Lai Lasseter and Marcia Hemingway were named to the A Tournament team.

For the entire regular season Laine Lasseter, averaging 28 points and 18 rebounds per game, remained as the number one female high school basketball player in the Mac Telegraph's Top 20 listing.

Representing Stratford on the Region All Tourname team were Laine Lasseter, Jaime Kaplan, and Marcia Heringway. Lasseter and Hemingway made the All-State tea also.

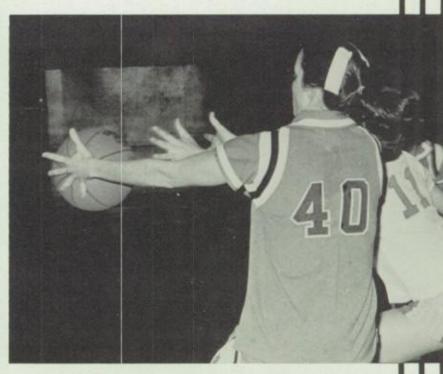
Managers for the squad were Kirby Garner and Si Becke Tommy McSwain and Jim Penn served as statisticians f both the girls' and boys' squads.

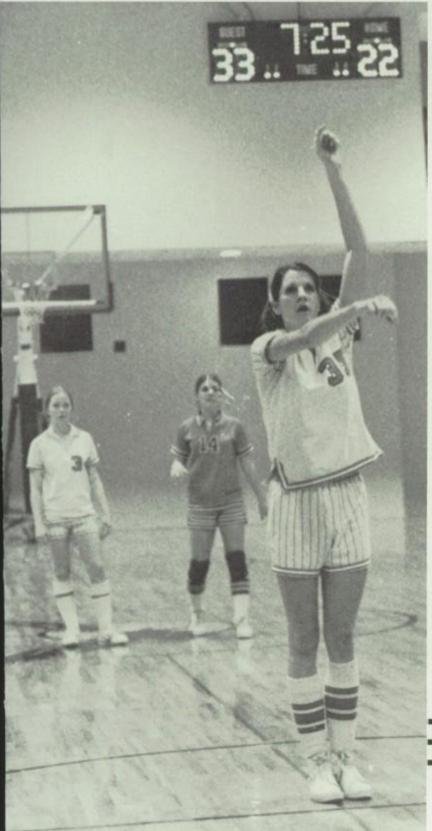


Above: Guard Nancy Peterson attempts a steal from Westfield's Doris Bell. Right: Sandy Metts goes up for a shot over a Monroe defender.











Left: Laine Lasseter tosses in another point from the free throw line. Above left: During a time out, Coach Grady Smith instructs starters in defensive strategy. Far above: Forward Lisa Wilson stretches to secure a pass from an eager Jonesco defender. Above: Jaime Kaplan and Staci Goldman watch the basket with anxiety in the Eaglette's narrow victory over Beechwood.

Girls Climax Season With Title

Finishing the regular season tied with the Lady Mustangs of Monroe for a region first, a flip of the coin determined the Eaglettes' second place position at the start of the region tournament. In the first round the team faced arch rival Presbyterian. The game was close and hard fought all the way, but the Eaglettes put the Vikings out of contention in the fourth quarter.

Advancing to the finals, after securing a slot in the state playoffs, the squad was ready to tangle with Monroe's strong Lady Mustangs after splitting with this team in the regular season play. Although this game was another close duel, the Eaglettes lost by a single point in overtime because

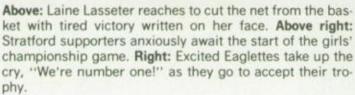
of costly turnovers and foul trouble.

The squad was nervous about going up against a Calvary Baptist team from Savannah which they had not played during the regular season. After a slow start the Eaglettes completely devastated Calvary, 61-53. Laine Lasseter was high scorer with 15 points and completely dominated be the offensive and defensive boards by pulling down rebounds for the cause.

In semi-final action the Eaglettes were paired up w Southwest Georgia, led by star guard Lea Henry. Althou Henry had an excellent night, the Eaglettes, implement effective teamwork, stayed ahead the entire ballgame.

In the state finals Stratford was given the opportunity avenge their loss to Monroe. In a packed John Milledge g the Eaglettes took the lead in the first quarter and matained it for the entire game. Their biggest lead at one ti was 15 points. Hustle and determination helped to subdufourth quarter rally by the Mustangs, led by Robbi F pinger, making the final score 69-88.











Below: Senior Donna Kay Miller watches intently as the Eaglettes strive to subdue the Lady Mustangs' fourth quarter rally. Far below: An elated Grady Smith snips the last cord on the net representing the Eaglettes' third consecritive state victory. Left: Jaime Kaplan, in an effort to slc. 9 action, down, surveys the court for an pass.





B-Teams Gain Playing Experience —

The experience young athletes gained in B-team competition prepared them for future varsity play. B-team participants' performance showed promise for the future.

The B-team football squad practiced with the varsity team throughout the season beginning in early August. Many B-teamers dressed out for varsity games, including Bob Woodcock and Johnny Peterson who played in a few. Coaches Jimmy Stewart and Richard Battcher led the team to a 3-5 record. Games were usually played on Wednesday nights. Managers Joy Johnson, Dawn Maurizi and Lynn Metts prepared Gatorade and helped the players with equipment during practices and games.

The B-team girls' basketball team enjoyed a winning season accumulating an impressive 12-3 record. The 15 member squad worked out daily with the girls' varsity team. They ran the varsity's offense, but used a 2-1-2 defense. All ninth

and tenth grade B-team players competed in many variagemes.

Coached by Coach Darryl Jones, the B-team boys' bash ball team practiced for an hour and a half each afternot Coach Jones stressed defense, and ran the fast break, ing the game more speed. The boys played Tuesday, Fridand Saturday evenings before varsity games. The teended the season with a 13-2 record. "Those two los against Presbyterian and Windsor inspired us to come band beat teams more impressively," commented Tom Shealy. Outstanding players were sophomores John Whom Tommy Shealy, Jack Moore, Lee Lineburger, and Mike Skins.

Polly Sattler and Jennifer Newton served as managers both the B-team boys and girls.



Above: Sophomore Julie Wilkerson jumps high to overcome a Flint River opponent. Right: John White drives for a basket as the Worth defensive pursuit closes in. Far right: Stratford and Presbyterian B-team captains meet at center field before the duel.





B-Team Football Team Coach Darryl Jones



B-Team Boys' Basketball Team Coach Darryl Jones



B-Team Girls' Basketball Team Coach Bubber Adams



Show Potential —

The middle school basketball teams, consisting of sixth, seventh and eighth grade boys' and girls' squads competed in SEAIS region competition. Coach Bubber Adams worked with the eighth grade boys' and the sixth and seventh grade girls' teams. Coach Jimmy Stewart coached the sixth and seventh grade boys' team.

Practices for the sixth and seventh grade boys' team and the girls' squad was held twice weekly after school. The eighth grade boys practiced during fourth period gym class

each day.

The eighth grade boys had an excellent season, winning over Tatnall Square, Jonesco, Windsor and Presbyterian. The team won their first game against Presbyterian in a tense overtime battle. The second duel they managed to pull ahead in the final minutes of play.

The sixth and seventh grade boys beat both Tatnall Square and Jonesco in their first game, but were defeated by both teams in successive meets. They compensated for a two time loss to the rival Presbyterian squad with a win over

Windsor Academy.

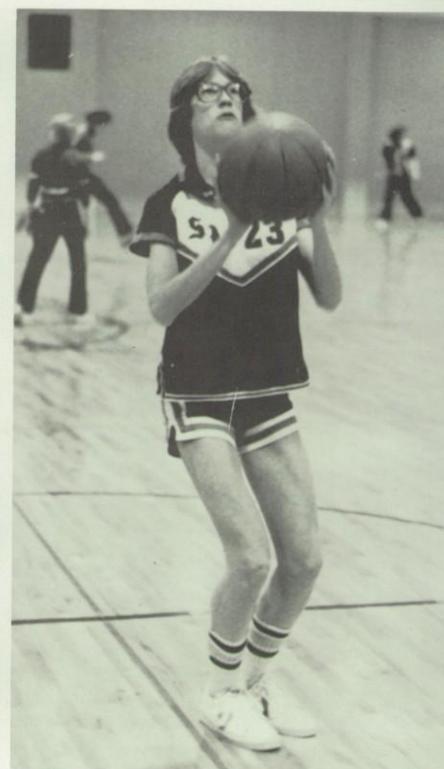
Disappointment characterized the sixth, seventh and eighth grade girls' season. They suffered close defeats to Tatnall Square, Presbyterian, Windsor and Jonesco, finishing with a 4-6 record. Commented Lisa Palmer of her participation in the program, "Basketball is a great learning experience. I also like being with other people and working together as a team."



Middle School Girls' Team Coach Bubber Adams



Sixth and Seventh Grade Boys' team Coach Bubber Adams





Eighth Grade Boys' Team Coach Darryl Jones



eventh Grade Cheerleaders: Stacy Wigley, Mary Parker Liles, Robin Lee, Kristie Vendetti, usan Bond, Mitzi Edwards.



ixth Grade Cheerleaders: Karyn Kelly, Mary Pat Dunwoody, Lynn McLendon, Faye Brody, nita Menendez, Jennifer Stone, Amy Maurizi.

Far left: Eighth grader Lisa Palmer puts the ball up in pregame warmup. Below: Seventh grader Mitzi Edwards cheers the boys' basketball squad to victory over Presbyterian. Far below: The seventh grade cheerleaders support their Eagle team in the Jonesco gym.



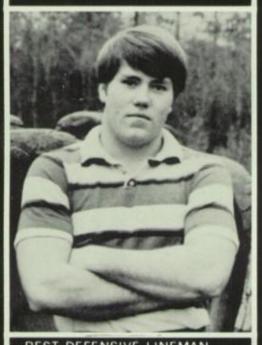




MOST VALUABLE PLAYER — Jay Olliff; GOLDEN HELMET AWARD — Jim Penn



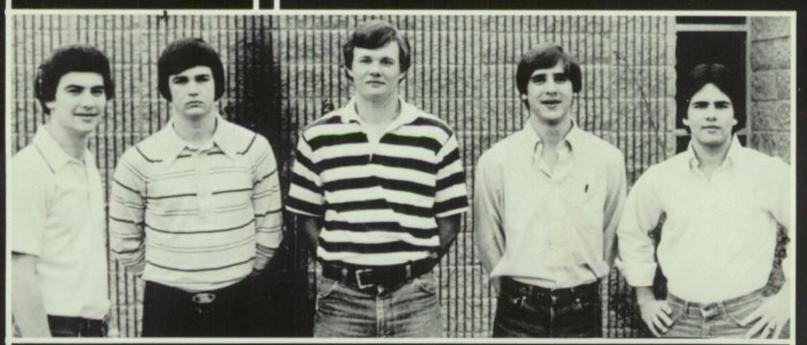
SENIOR LEADERSHIP AWARDS — Ben Jackson, Marcus Jester, Mark Newton Trace Butler. Not pictured: Morgan Arden



BEST DEFENSIVE LINEMAN — Tommy McSwain



BEST OFFENSIVE BACKS — Scott Evans, Trey Norris; BEST OFFENSIVE LINEMAN — Brother Massenburg; BEST DEFENSIVE BACK — Brian Tiller



COACHES' AWARDS — Rusty Hilburn, Jimmy Maddox; MOST IMPROVED — Jeff Battcher, Steve Solomon; HUSTLE AND DESIRE — Sam McGaughey



EAGLE AWARD — Record Pun Return (94 yards) — Neal Ham

Outstanding Athletes



MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS — Laine Lasseter, Brad Bibb



BEST OFFENSIVE — Laine Lasseter, Clay Lisenby; BEST DEFENSIVE — Sandy Metts, Hank Clay



BEST HUSTLERS — Rusty Hilburn, Lisa Wilson; FREE THROW AWARDS — Jaime Kaplan, Brad Bibb; MOST IMPROVED – Billy Monfort, Marcia Hemingway; TRAM CAPTAINS — Nancy Peterson, Bob Turner (not pictured)



EAGLE AWARD — Record Field Goal (45 yards) — Durward Benson



SENIOR LEADERSHIP AWARDS — Brother Massenburg, Steve Solomon, Sherry Hall, John Spivey

Hit Season ____

The Eagle team entered the season with a relatively inexperienced team. Only four starters returned from the previous year. The team was a mixture of juniors and seniors, with several sophomores promoted from the B-team.

Sam McGaughey, Jay Olliff, Rusty Hilburn, Marcus Jester, Hank Clay, and Pat Patterson were the returning lettermen. Transfers Jeff Battcher and Mark Baron added depth and talent. Jim Penn returned after sitting out his junior year. Sophomores included Tommy Shealy, Danny Fritze, Mike Seekins, Phillip Murph, and Bill Hanse.

The region was divided into teams of four, in an arrangement similar to football. Stratford had stiff region competition in Tatnall Square, Presbyterian and Windsor Academies.

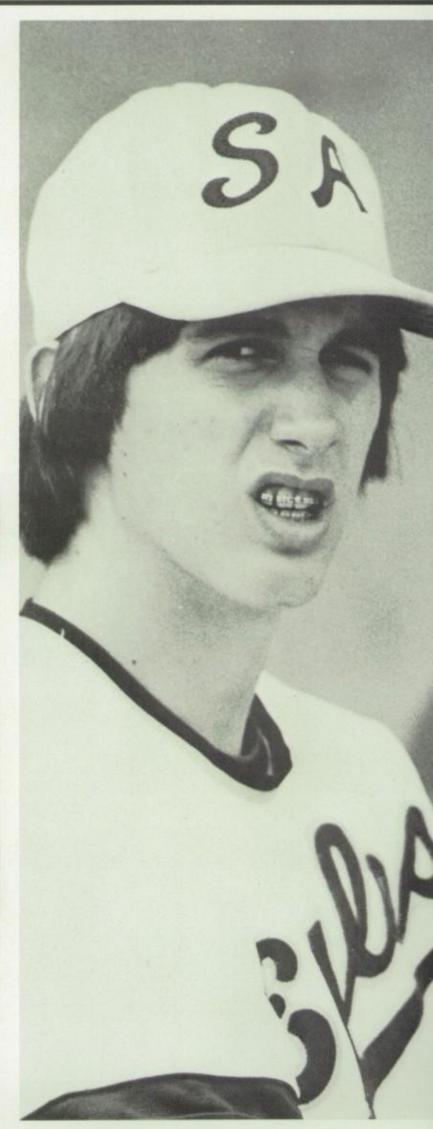
The team practiced daily, drilling in the batting cage, working on fielding ground and fly balls, and running and sliding skills, under ten year coach, Bubber Adams.

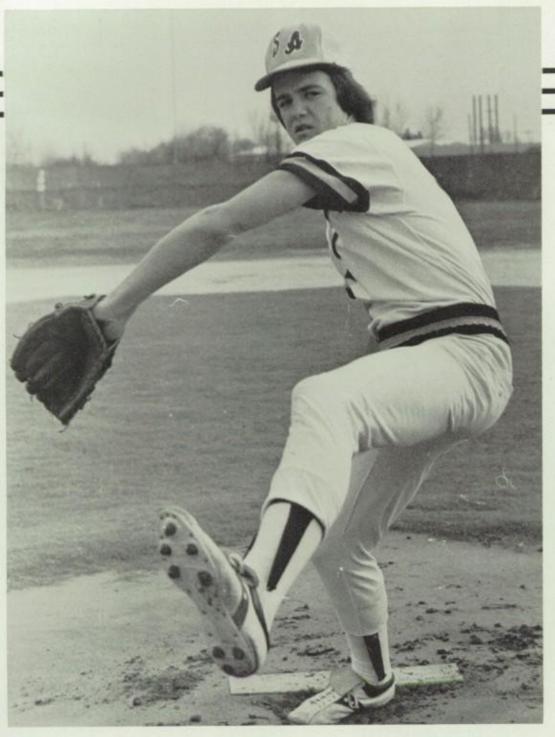
The new baseball field, a combined effort of the Boosters Club, parental donations, and the school, was completed in the winter months for spring practice.

Baseball managers were seniors Lee Kinman and Nancy Peterson, and junior Summer Smisson. These girls attended every practice, kept statistics, and kept track of balls and bats.



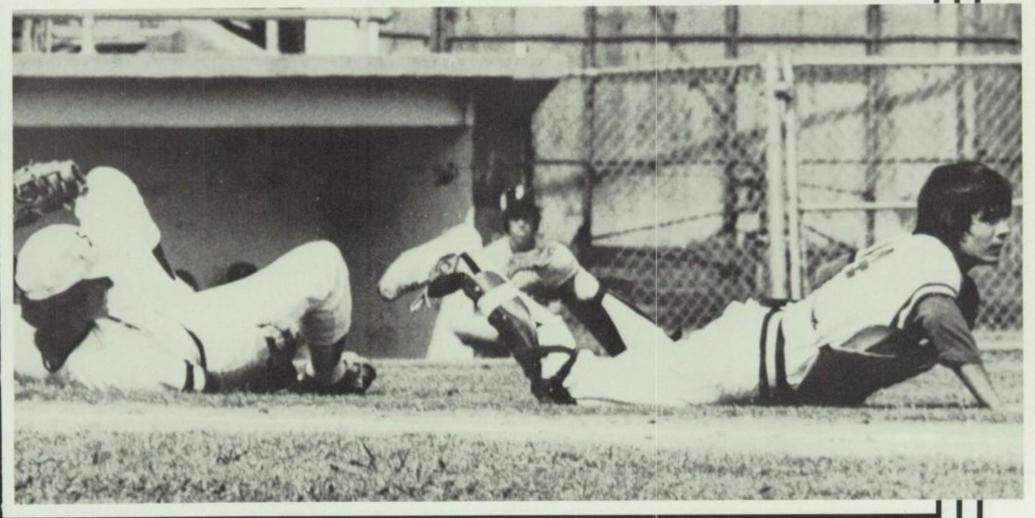
Above: Second baseman Pat Patterson jogs around the bases during a pre-game warm up. **Right:** Pitcher Mike Seekins grimaces at an umpire's strike-out call. **Far right:** Sam McGaughey, catcher, collides with the pitcher in fielding a Jonesco batter's bunt.

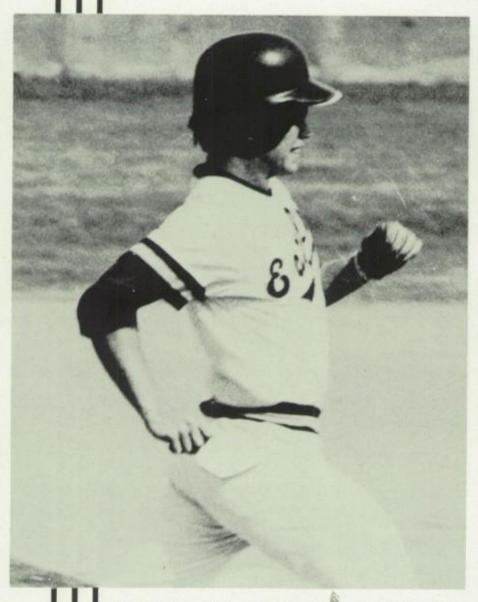


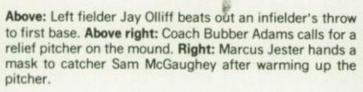


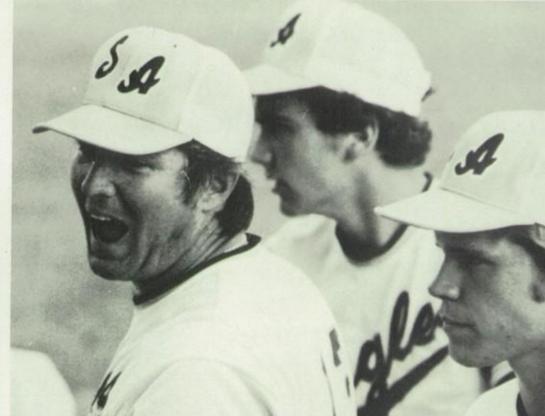
Below: Shortstop Rusty Hilburn anticipates a ground ball. **Left:** Transfer pitcher Jeff Battcher winds up for an off-speed pitch.



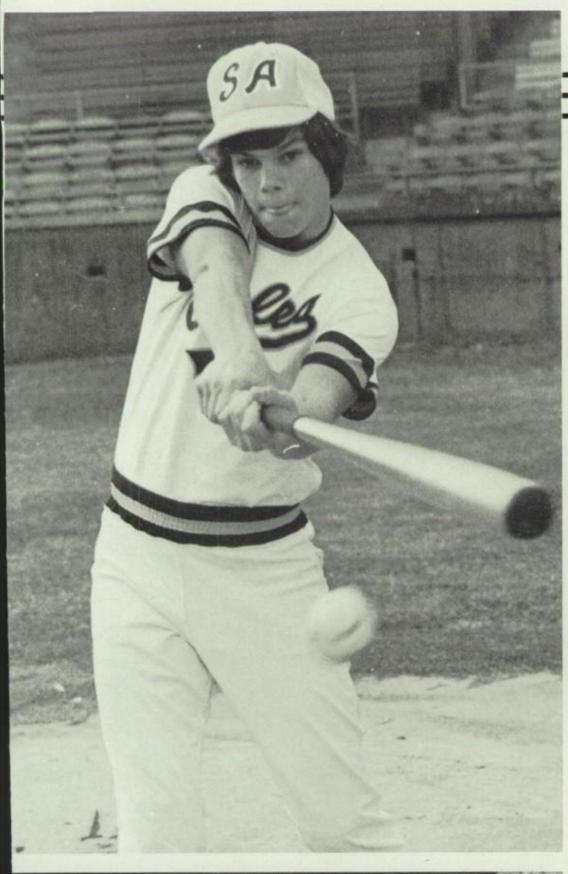














Above: Managers Lee Kinman, Nancy Peterson and Summer Smisson carry equipment to the waiting bus. Left: Left hander Jim Penn connects with the ball for a base hit. Below left: Reserve players Tommy Shealy and Phillip Murph encourage teammates from the Eagle dugout.



Dominance

Though tennis is a spring sport, members of the team practiced throughout the year. Challenge matches began in late February at Lake Wildwood when the top seeds were determined. Interscholastic matches started in March and continued through May. The tennis season closed with the State Championship matches in the middle of May at Mercer University.

The team had a tough region schedule which included First Presbyterian, Monroe, River North, Windsor, and Tatnall Square. Deerfield, Southland, and La Grange proved to be chal-

lenging, also.

Jaime Kaplan, Kitty Walker, Kenson Marbut and Fabia Rogers returned as region championship defenders from the 1977 season. Alan Burns, Mark Sorrells and Tony Menendez were

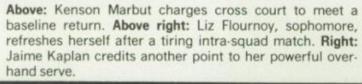
the only male region defenders.

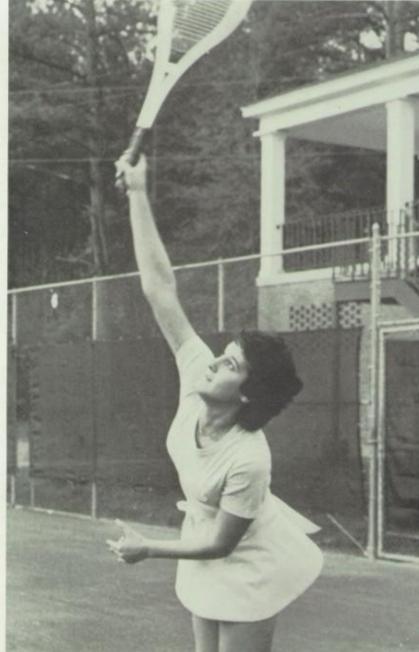
Kenson Marbut and Kitty Walker played as the Eaglettes' number one doubles team; Jaime Kaplan held the number one singles spot. Mark Sorrells played number one singles in the boys' division; Alan Burns and Tony Menendez made up the first doubles team.

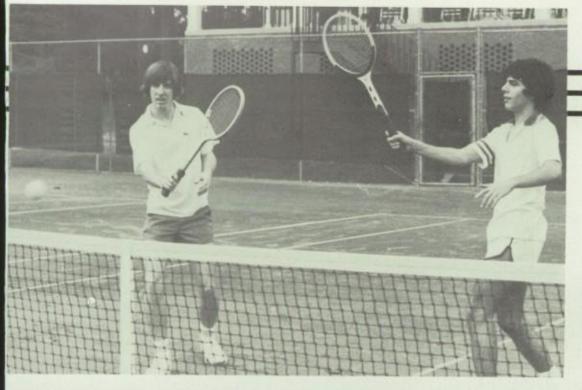
Mr. Griff Ethridge coached both teams for the third year. Team member Alan Burns commented on his participation saying that it was "enjoyable and good exercise, but it would be nice if people (fellow students) started considering tennis a sport."

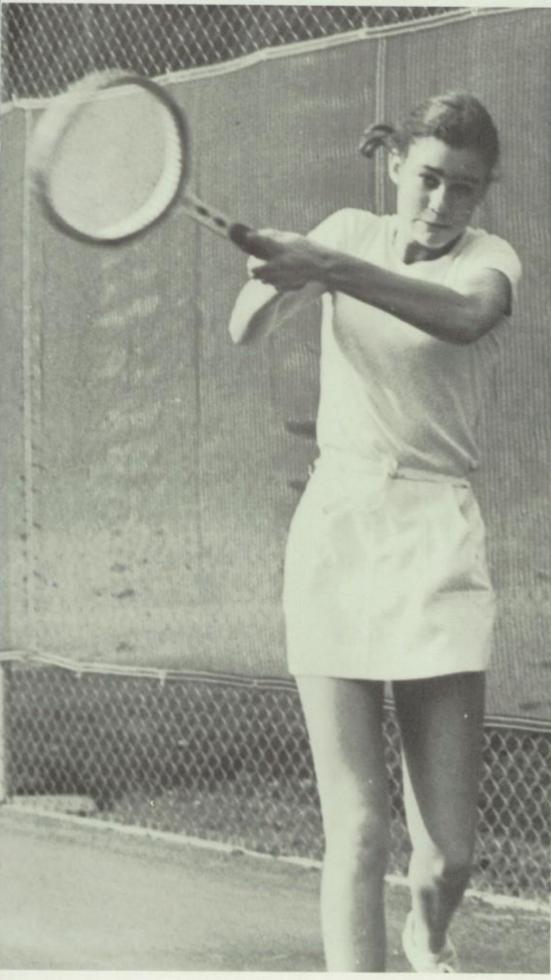














Left: Kitty Walker volleys a baseline shot with a smooth backhand. Above left: Doubles partners Alan Burns and Tony Menendez rush to the net to return an easy lob. Above: With a powerful backhand slice, Mark Sorrells gains a crucial ad-in point.

T. Meets Challenge

Young Team

Though only in its fourth year, the track team established a commendable record. With the help of coach Paul Gillespie, the boys' and girls' teams practiced three or four days weekly at Macon Junior College. Work outs consisted of a series of exercises to warm up tight muscles and then jogging several miles. They also practiced quick starts, and racing strategy was planned for each event. Meets were held at Porter Stadium.

Stratford competed with several other local schools in running events such as the 50 and 100 yard dashes, the 440, 880, and

mile runs, as well as the long and broad jumps.

At the end of the season the state track meet was held at Southland Academy in Americus, Georgia. Sandy Metts defended the first place she captured in the long jump in 1977, and Jack Bowers defended his second place in the 880. In region competition Scott Evans defended his first place in the 440 and Marsha Hemingway defended her third place in the long jump.

Sandy Metts commented on track competition: "The work is hard, long, and tiring, but once you cross the finish line it's all worth it. I like track because you are competing against yourself

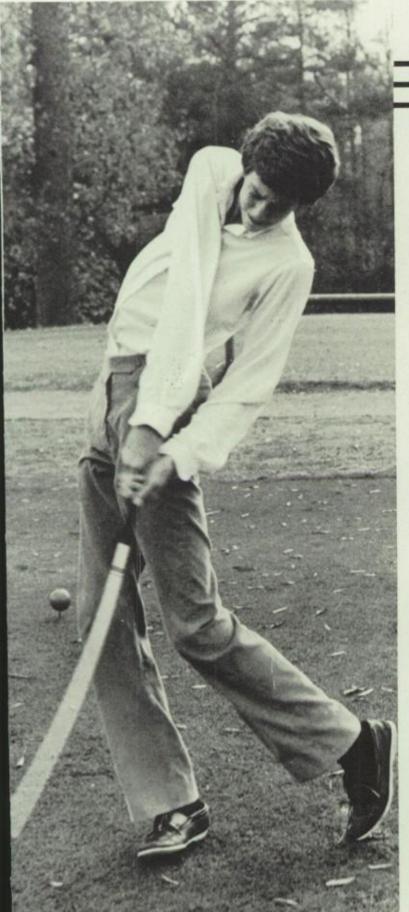
as well as others."



Above: At afternoon track practice, Jordan Freeauf concentrates on his starting formation. Above right: Sophomore, Jack Bowers, finishes his preliminary warm-up jog. Right: Launching off while practicing broad jumps, Sandy Metts stretches to gain each crucial inch.







Champs Return to

The golf team had only three returning players, Reg Rogers and Bill Walker, seniors, and Jack Moore, sophomore. There were three new additions who also contributed to the success of the team. The new players were senior, John Spivey, and sophomore, John White, and freshman, Peter Persons.

The team was marked with a determination to give their best efforts in defending the State Championship. They had won the title for four consecutive years. Playing ten to twelve rounds a season, the team also worked to maintain their undefeated record from the previous year.

The golfers practiced throughout the year under Coach Grady Smith. Most of the matches were played at Idle Hour Country Club,

which served as the Eagle's home course.

The low scorers on the team were Reg Rogers and Bill Walker. Bill commented about his participation on the team: "I like playing school golf because it's team against team, yet it is still an individual sport. Years of practice are necessary for one to become a good golfer. It is a great challenge to compete against golfers of other private schools who have also spent years perfecting their game."





Left: The golf team: Jack Moore, Peter Persons, Bill Walker, Reg Rogers, John Spivey. Above left: Senior Bill Walker tees off during a practice match at Idle Hour Country Club. Above: Reg Rogers retrieves the ball after his fifth hole birdie.

Boys' Varsity Basketball

OPPONENT WE THEY Flint River Brentwood Southwest Georgia Edmund Burke Tattnall Square Worth Savannah Christian Beechwood Monroe Westfield Southland Flint River Windsor Jonesco First Presbyterian Westfield Southwest Georgia Monroe Tattnall Square Worth Jonesco First Presbyterian Beechwood Windsor Southland Edmund Burke Windsor Monroe Edmund Burke River North Savannah Christian

B-Team Basketball

OPPONENT THEY	WE	
Tattnall Square	57	30
Monroe	44	33
Westfield	46	30
Flint River	47	43
Windsor	36	45
Jonesco	46	29
First Presbyterian	42	33
Monroe	49	34

Track

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OPPONENT	DATE
First Presbyetrian Monroe, Tattnall Square	April 12 (Boys) April 13 (Girls)
First Presbyterian, Savannah Christian, Windsor	April 18 (Boys) April 19 (Girls)
FPDS Invitational Meet	April 22 (Boys)
Region State	April 26 May 5 and 6

Varsity Football

OPPONENT	WE.	THEY
Southland	6	15
Savannah Christian	3	8
Riverview	15	20
First Presbyterian	37	6
Windsor	16	10
Edmund Burke	14	14
Deerfield	12	17
Tattnall Square	46	16
Monroe	35	8
River North	30	0
Jonesco	14	8
Savannah Christian	10	33



Golf

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OPPONENT	DATE
River North	March 11
Samuel Elbert	March 24
Tattnall Square	April 3
Monroe	April 4
Deerfield	April 7
Tattnall and Southland	April 11
First Presbyterian	April 12
Southland	April 13
Deerfield	April 14
River North	April 18
Monroe	April 20
First Presbyterian and Westfield	April 21
Region	April 27
State	May 2

B-Team Football

OPPONENT	WE	THEY
Windsor	12	14
River North	14	12
Monroe	0	8
Tattnall Square	0	14
River North	18	2
Monroe	8	6
First Presbyterian	6	13



Tennis

OPPONENT	DATE	
La Grange	March 23	
Monroe	April 4	
First Presbyterian	April 5	
Southland	April 7	
Tattnall Square	April 10	
Deerfield	April 11	
First Presbyterian	April 13	
La Grange	April 14	
Tattnall Square	April 17	
Southland	April 18	
Deerfield	April 19	
Monroe	April 20	
Region	April 24	
State	May 1	

B-Team Basketball

OPPONENT THEY	WE	
Flint River	52	19
Tattnall Square	38	29
Beechwood	31	38
Monroe	56	22
Windsor	42	18
Jonesco	45	34
First Presbyterian	42	17
Westfield	55	29
Monroe	39	25
Tattnall Square	23	29
Worth	28	32

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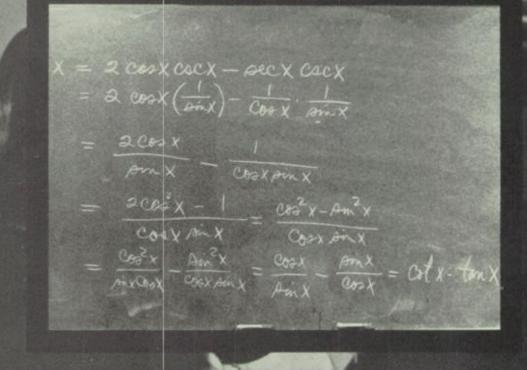
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John Milledge	March 15
Savannah Christian	March 17
Memorial Day	March 18
Jonesco	March 21
Jonesco	March 24
Brentwood	March 25
Jonesco	March 27
John Milledge	March 27
River North	March 28
First Presbyterian	March 29
First Presbyterian	April 4
Tattnall Square	April 7
Windsor	April 11
Monroe	April 14
River North	April 17
First Presbyterian	April 21
Tattnall Square	April 25
Windsor	April 28
Monroe	May 2
River North	May 4

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If I gain only insight into reality, it will be considered done. The diploma received will be the diploma earned.

Nothing's definite. Even in the science of mathematics, which commands exactitude, there are the concepts of infinity, imaginary numbers, and abstract planes containing myriad points and lines.

Expectations. The great ideas of western thinkers. Revolutionary causes causing revolutionary man. All but **Shades of Grey.** And I, I exist there too.

Below: Dr. Hugh Smisson contemplates the possibility of a budget increase. Right: Mrs. Betty Clark and Mr. Donald Johnson approach solutions to problems of consolidation. Far below: Members of the Board of Governors pose before a monthly meeting.

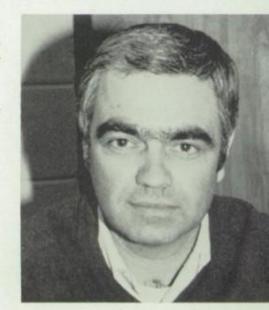


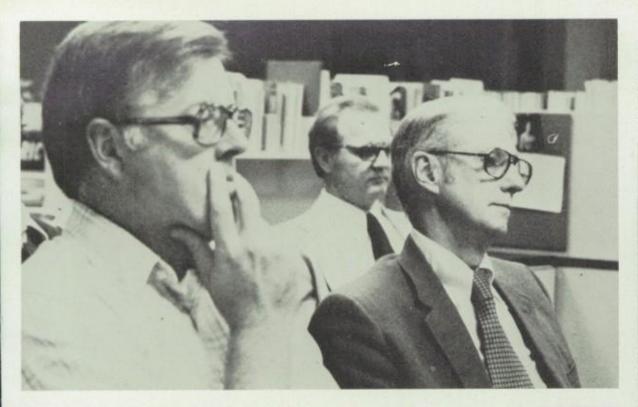




"The Board of Governors is responsible for government management, and control of the affairs of the school. Our main objective is to expand our tradition of academic excellence."

Dr. Rodney Browne





Below: Mr. Tom Tracy takes notes on a financial report concerning the sale of the grammar school. **Below left:** Mr. Charles Jay and Mr. Burke Slocumb listen to a proposal to initiate an Annual Giving Campaign. **Left:** Mr. W. C. Boswell, Mrs. S. Gus Jones, Mr. Donald Johnson, and Mr. Milton Butler listen to discussion on the consolidation of the Bond Street and Peake Road plants.





Board Institutes Giving Campaign

regarding objectives, basic goals and growth and saw that new headmaster, Mr. Henry Tift, carried out these policies.

One project undertaken by this select body was the plan for consolidation of the Peake Road and Bond Street campuses for the 1978-1979 school

Another project was the First Annual Giving Campaign. A letter was sent to all Stratford students' parents soliciting donations to supplement tuitional

The Board of Governors determined policies fees. The goal of this effort was \$50,000. A voluntary tax was instituted to offset an increase in tui-

> Stratford Board members included: Mr. Tom Bass, Mr. W. C. Boswell, Jr., Mr. R. A. Bowen, Jr., Mr. Milton Butler, Mrs. Lem J. Clark, secretary; Mr. William H. Elder, Jr., Dr. Antonio Fernandez, Dr. H. W. Harper, Jr., Mr. Robert F. Hatcher, treasurer; Mr. Charles A. Jay, vice chairman; Mr. Donald M. Johnson, Dr. John Paul Jones, Mrs. S. Gus Jones, Mrs. Milledge C. Newton, Judge Wilbur Owens, Dr. William C. Shirley, Mr. Burke L. Slocumb, Jr., Dr. Hugh F. Smisson, Jr., Mr. Reter Solomon, Dr. Loy L. Strawn, Jr., Mr. W. P. Thompson, Jr., Mr. David W. Thornton, Mr. Tom Tracy and Mr. Richard White.

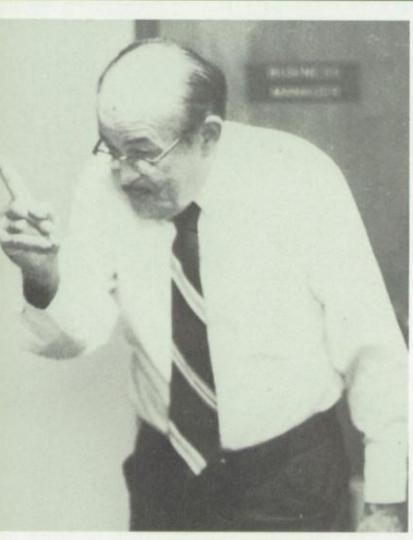
School Administrators Set Goals

The 1977-1978 school year marked Mr. Henry Tift's first full term as Stratford's headmaster. When asked what his personal aspirations for the future were, he expressed his desire "for Stratford to become one of the outstanding independent schools in the nation." Areas he felt there was a need for improvement included faculty salaries and benefits, and expanded fine arts and extracurricular programs.

Similarly, Guidance Counselor Anna Smith felt that additions needed to be made in areas such as debate and drama. She also suggested an intramural athletic program as a supplement to SEAIS competition.

Two new additions to Stratford's administration High School Principal William Brake and Midd School Administrator Andrew Lawson, also man suggestions. Mr. Brake conveyed his hope of establishing a well rounded program of both academ and athletic activities. Mr. Lawson's main interest was the incorporation of all grades into a single physical plant.

As the school's business manager, Mr. Bill Kur was responsible for preparing and controlling t school budget.





Far above: Mr. William Brake, high school principal, reprimands tardy students. Above: Mr. Andrew Lawson's classroom antics keep his students interested in class discussions. Right: Mrs. Anna Smith contacts college admissions office about sending a representative to answer seniors' questions.





"The job of administering Stratford Academy, which I share with several other persons, is composed of a complex set of duties and responsibilities. It is a difficult task, but it is made easier by the cooperative attitude of Stratford teachers, students, and parents. For this we are thankful."

Mr. Henry Tift IV







Left: Dr. Rodney Browne, Chairman of the Board of Governors, receives guests with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tift at a reception given for the Tifts, welcoming Mr. Tift to his first year as Headmaster. Above left: Mrs. Elaine Massey, Grammar School Principal, pauses from her work to chat with a teacher. Above: Business Manager Bill Kurek researches possible private school foundation grants.

Below: Mrs. Jimmie Watts, secretary for guidance counselor, Mrs. Anna Smith, pauses in a busy day to converse with a teacher. Far below: Mrs. Reba Lanier sets up a parent conference for Headmaster Henry Tift. Below right: Mrs. Diane Moore discusses a tuition check with a concerned caller. Right: Mrs. Jean Jester, grammar school secretary, revises a letter to be sent to students' parents.









Special Staff Provides Service

Because of the addition of the middle school, the Team collected current information on the Georgia library experienced several changes. Mrs. Virginia debate topic - national health care. Powers, transferred from the grammar school library to serve as high school librarian. Library assistants aided Mrs. Powers in her duties for one subject of credit.

Additional shelves were installed to accommodate needed new books. A series of science books were purchased with funds raised from a grammar school paper drive.

Many classes took advantage of the facility for research on papers and class projects. The Debate

Each secretary had her own specific duties to aid the administration in the running of the school. Mrs. Reba Lanier served as secretary for Mr. Henry Tift. Mrs. Frances Gunnels filled the role of receptionist at the front desk.

Mrs. Jimmie Watts kept students' permanent files and operated all printing and duplicating machines. Working in the business office was Mrs. Diane Moore, secretary for Business Manager Mr. Bill Kurek.





Below: Mrs. Frances Gunnels writes out an excuse for a tardy student. Below left: Mrs. Glenis Fields checks library files for a current events film for social studies classes. Far left: Mrs. Helen Walker, grammar school librarian, stamps the due date on a check out card. Left: Mrs. Betty Perry pauses for a moment from her work checking receipts in the business office.

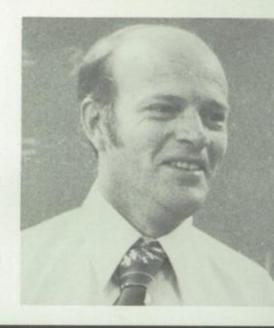






"I see the library as an extension of the classroom. Through this we lead students into worthwhile learning experiences."

Mrs. Virginia Powers

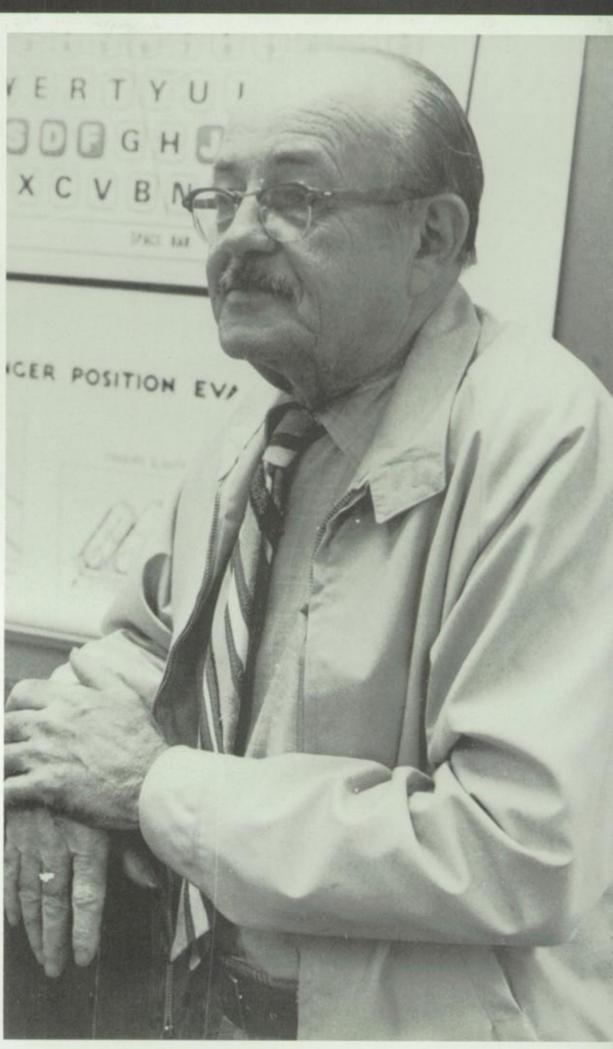


"Mathematics — the expression of logic and the alphabet of science."

Mr. T. Felder Fields



Above: Typing and Accounting teacher, Mrs. Lenore Caldell smiles at a student's tale of his weekend endeavors. **Right:** Mr. William Brake, Geometry instructor, listens intently to a student's question about a detailed proof.



Math Provides Solid Background

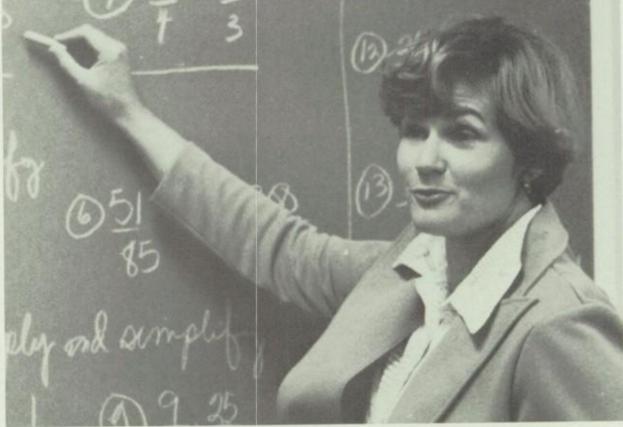
Offering courses for varying levels of ability, the math department sought to provide challenging programs for all students. While the lower grades concentrated on perfecting basic skills in arithmetic, eighth and ninth graders combined these skills in their study of algebra. In geometry, the sophomores combined algebra with Euclidean geometry.

Algebra III served to build a strong base for college algebra for those students unprepared for calculus. Pre-Calculus included college algebra, trigonometry, the fundamentals of calculus. A term paper was required on a math-related subject or a well known mathematican, as well as several string art projects. The math department also provided a course in the basics of accounting.

For advanced seniors, Calculus and Advanced Math Survey were offered. The calculus class continued into more complex forms of differential calculus and included analytic geometry.

In Advanced Math Survey, students delved into many different aspects of mathematics and made practical applications in hypothetical stock market and business situations.





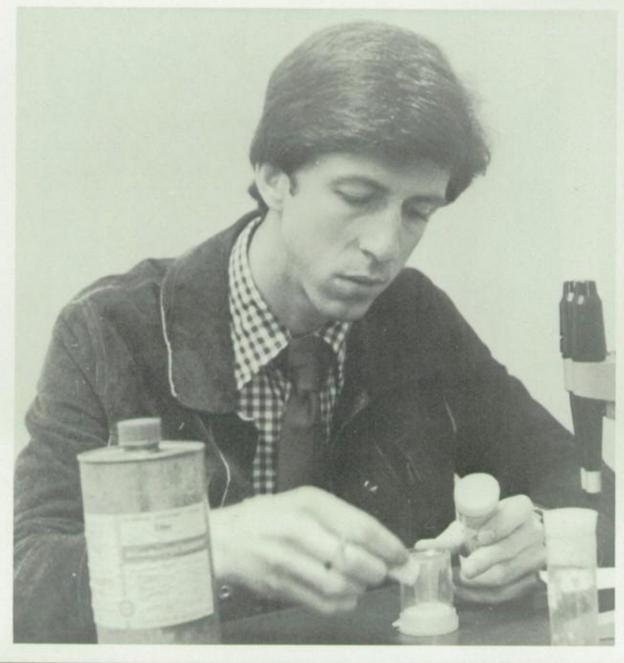




Left: Gena Lawrence, one of many Beta Club members who participated in the tutoring program, instructs Mike Seekins in the fundamentals of algebra. Above left: Mr. Griff Ethridge advises Pre-Calculus students at the board in drawing graphs of functions. Far above: Mrs. Jackie Poole, sixth and seventh grade math teacher, checks answers to simplification problems. Above: Mrs. Charlotte Nolan uses the overhead projector as a learning tool for her eighth grade algebra students.



Right: Dissection enables tenth grade students to locate specific organs in the frog. **Below right:** Mrs. Jackie McCann prepares a lab presentation for her junior Chemistry class. **Below:** Mr. Eric Brannen anesthetizes fruitflies to use in genetic experiments performed by Advanced Biology students.

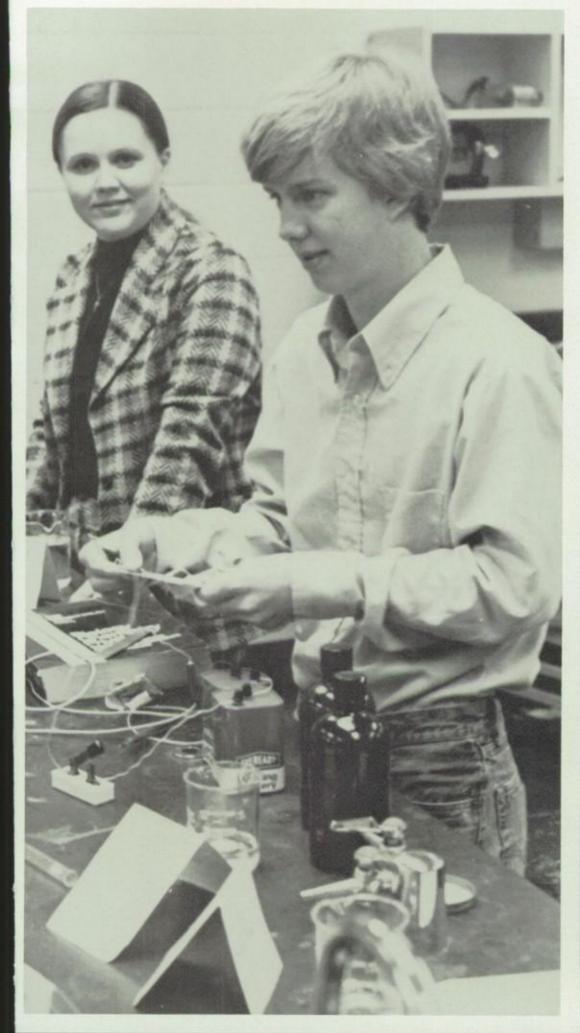




"Issues are everything; the real problem is how to understand them and be able to discuss them in a meaningful way. The science department strives to present scientific material in such a way that it will be meaningful, interesting and relevant to today's students."

Mrs. Shelby Teague





Left: With the assistance of Mrs. McCann, Bobby Cleveland prepares a test for chemical solutions. Below: Mrs. Marjorie Lovein lectures eighth grade students on the prehistoric era.



Science Answers and Arouses

The science department worked to give students Higher level courses, available as electives to junan understanding of the "why" in the world and encouraged them to explore the "why not."

Courses offered were Natural Science, in which the eighth grade studied the earth and its atmosphere, and Physical Science, which helped ninth graders understand the laws of motion, and other physical aspects of the world. The tenth graders learned in Biology the life functions of a variety of species. Eleventh graders studied the Periodic chart by chemical experimentation.

iors and seniors, included Advanced Biology and Advanced Chemistry. Mr. Skip Field's Physics class learned the theorems and laws governing motion, electricity, heat and light.

In order to better acquaint students with their subjects, science teachers assigned projects. Term papers and outside research projects supplemented classroom experiments in dissection, the formation of chemical compounds, and use of the microscope.

Students Study Aspects of English

The English department had a required program covering all areas of study: language usage, drama, poetry, short stories, the novel, and also a senior Humanities course. Traditional electives such as Semantics, Public Speaking, and Creative Writing were offered, introducing the student to all aspects of English. Other elective courses were added to the curriculum including grammar review, yearbook and forensics classes.

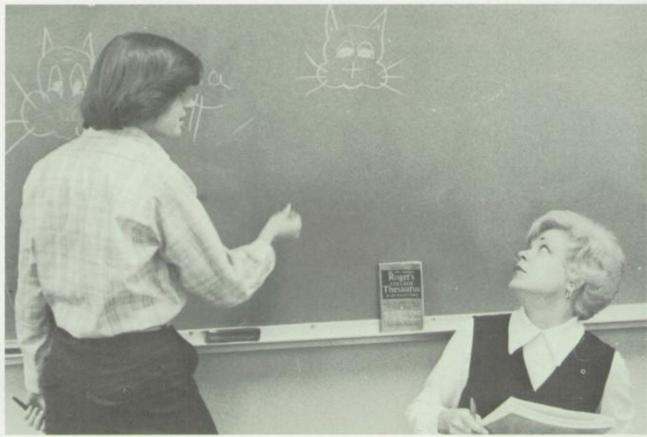
The senior Humanities course made several changes in curriculum. A study unit on the Bible and a new section on Medieval Renaissance litera-

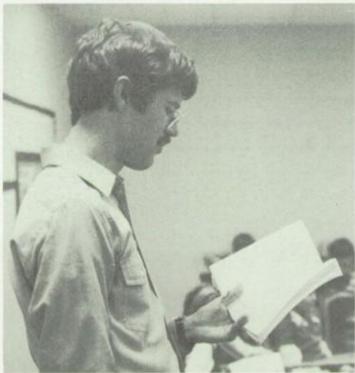
ture were added. There was also more emphasis put on drama.

The eleventh grade continued work on reading skills through such novels as **The Assistant** and **Huckleberry Finn**, while at the same time strengthening vocabulary. The traditional section of composition and grammar skills was also taught, though with more emphasis on creative and expository writing.

The ninth and tenth grades were provided study in the area of composition, creative writing and classical heritage.







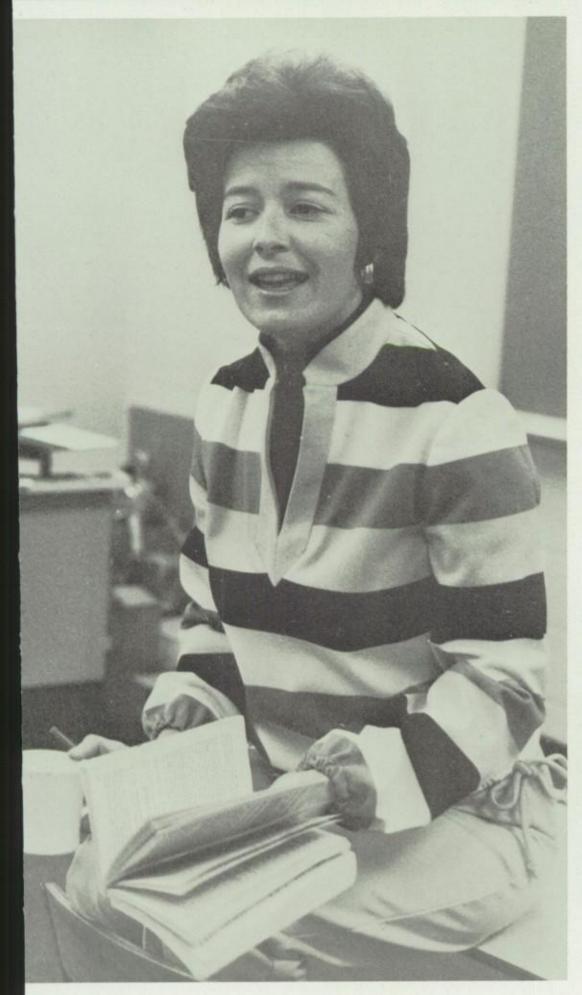
Above: Middle school Drama teacher, Mr. Tommy Tift, follows along in his book as students recite a dramatic interpretation. Far above: Mr. Don Brunel lectures Humanities students from a modern novel. Above right: Mrs. Linda Bibb surveys Becky Lanford's most creative efforts in Creative Writing class. Right: Mrs. Faye Holliday uses the overhead projector to review sentence construction with her eighth grade English class.





"The English department offered a varied curriculum and worked with each student in every aspect of English."

Mrs. Elizabeth Hinesly







Left: Mrs. Georgann Banks assigns tenth graders a chapter to read for homework. Far above: Mrs. Linda Bibb smiles at a student's antics. Above: Mr. Watson Holloway, Humanities instructor, answers a question for Spanish student Si Becker.

Below: Seventh graders trace explorers' routes on Mrs. Nirenstein's globe. Right: Jeff Henry, sixth grader, studies an Aztec calendar. Below right: Mrs. Joyce Happ selects a book for a World History lecture. Far below: Mrs. Sandy Popson, sophomore American History teacher, points out a location on the Georgia map.









Social Studies Explores Past

The history department offered high school student electives in a variety of subjects and time periods. Some of these courses were: Current Events, Nazi Germany, and World Religions.

The main objective in the history department was to create an interest in historical events, as well as to point out the similarities between past events and events today, in order to cause a realization on the part of the student that we play a role in tomorrow's history. Teaching techniques showed the creativity of the faculty in trying to make historical events come alive. Taped televi-

sion shows, movies, and outside student research were used along with text books to give students a comprehensive understanding of each course.

In the middle school curriculum, history teachers also tried to provide as much variety as possible. Teachers were encouraged to make their rooms as visually appealing as possible. Slides and films were used to give students a broader view of history. Outside speakers and field trips were featured to vary the classroom scene.



Below: Monica Davis reads a promotional pamphlet on the King Tut exhibit in New Orleans. Far below: Referring to a poster of ancient Egypt, Mr. Andy Lawson lectures sixth graders in world history. Left: Mrs. Estelle Nirenstein reaches over to correct an answer on a student's essay in American History class.







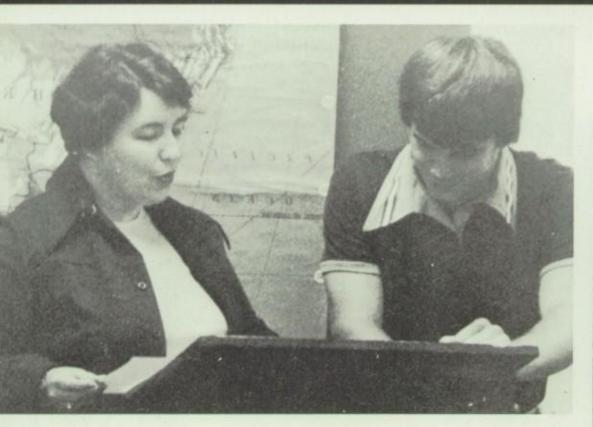
"History can be fun! That's the object — learn and enjoy at the same time. History is people and their feelings at other times. If you think this way, history is certainly interesting."

Mrs. Betty Stewart

"The foreign language department seeks to provide each student with a basic speaking, writing and reading facility in modern language. In Latin, students learn not only to read and write but to appreciate the cultural legacy inherent in this mother tongue of Western Civilization."

Mr. Watson Holloway







Above: Mrs. Beverly Templeton aids young artists in expressing creativity through drawing. **Far above:** Mrs. Elizabeth Hinesley reviews Spanish verb conjugates with Phillip Murph. **Above right:** The Gingham Menagerie warms up for rehearsal with Howard Ingley. **Right:** Mr. Earl Barnette leads the band in the fight song during the spirited Presbyterian pep rally.





Fine Arts Promotes Creativity

In the Language department, motivating and challenging class periods were supplemented with outside research and projects. Latin students learned that Latin compliments English and other languages in vocabulary and comprehension. French classes were difficult this year because books were changed to provide a better base for later learning; too, French was the only language heard in the classroom at all learning stages. To improve practical use of the language, the Spanish department was changed drastically; the new program initiated is designed to produce

good speakers in two years and very good speakers in three.

Composed of the band, art classes, and the Gingham Menagerie, the Fine Arts department was involved in many facets of student life. Although the band was young it promoted spirit and provided entertainment at the games. The art classes were filled with enthusiastic middle schoolers who described art as "creativity in your mind put on paper." The chorus was composed of high schoolers expressing their creativity in song.







Left: In fluent French, Mrs. Frances Wright explains one of many visual aids in the French classroom. Far above: Mr. Don Brunel uses the infamous Idi Amin to emphasize a point to an unflinching Latin student. Above: Mrs. Estelle Nirenstein explains Latin vocabulary.

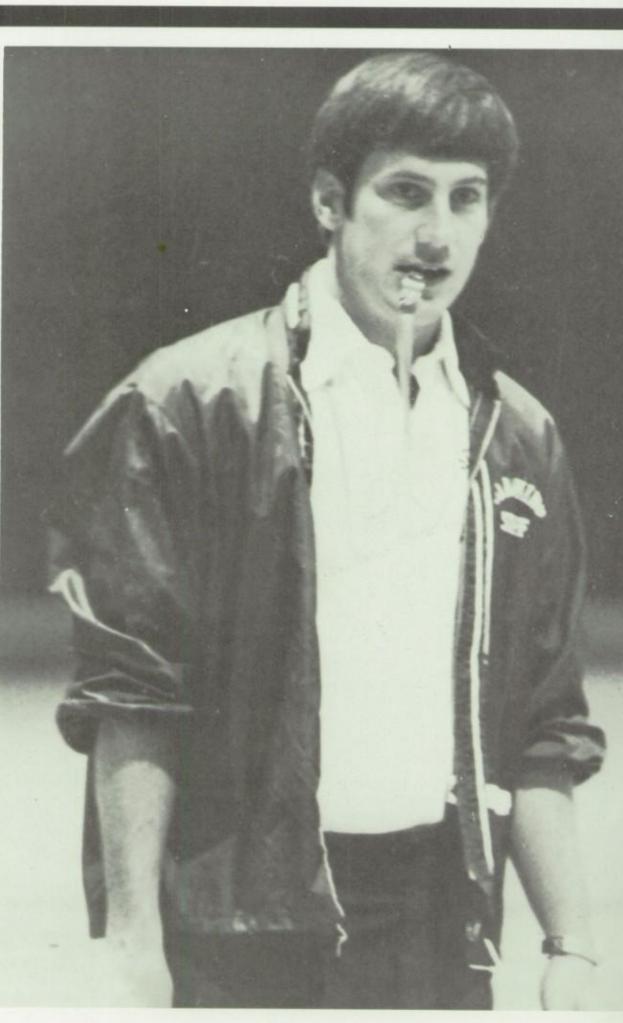
"It is a tremendous pleasure to be on the staff at Stratford Academy, and be associated with the most wonderful people in the world. The staff, parents, students, and certainly the athletes, are the greatest."

Mr. Darryl Jones





Above: Coach Bubber Adams watches anxiously at a football game. **Far above:** Langley Freehauf and Bucky Taylor enjoy playing broom hockey. **Right:** Head of the physical education department, Coach Grady Smith, supervises a gym class volleyball game.



P.E. Department Offers Changes

Physical education teachers, Coach Adams, Coach Jones, and Coach Smith, introduced a new program of student choice to the athletic department's curriculum. For the first time, students were allowed to select their emphasis monthly from a variety of sports: badminton, flag football, basketball, volleyball, sacketball, whiffleball, and gymnastics. Archery and broom hockey were also added this year. Broom hockey, played on the football field, was popular with middle school students.

The coaches set numerous goals for fulfillment

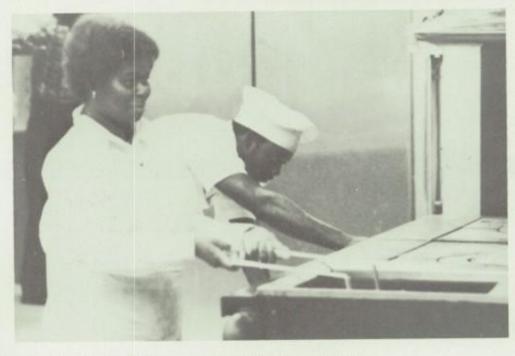
in physical education classes. They hoped students would get necessary exercise, at the same time learning the fundamentals of various sports. They created an atmosphere of fun, and encouraged willing participation. Both good sportsmanship and teamwork were emphasized.

The Checkered Apron catered lunchroom meals, offering a varied menu weekly. This was the third year they have provided this service. Faye Mitchell and Prentice Robinson served the school in janatorial functions.









Left: The Checkered Apron crew pose in the cafeteria. Above left: Grammar school helpers, Willie Mae Bell, Ronnie Campbell, and Besse Battle gather in the library. Far above: Faye Mitchell and Prentice Robinson take a break from their work. Above: Checkered Apron cooks prepare the all-American hamburger and french fry lunch.

Right: Kindergarten Aids, Mrs. Joanne Bowers, Mrs. Lois Lorenz, and Mrs. Anita Tillery confer over a student's work. Far below: Kindergarteners listen intently as Mrs. Tillery reads the story of Peter Rabbit. Below: Teachers, Mrs. Jane Williams, Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, and Mrs. LaVonna Fritze, display construction paper cut outs.







"Teaching kindergarten is a gratifying experience. It is so much fun to watch children experience things for the first time. There are so many things to learn, and I enjoy playing a part in this learning experience and process."

Mrs. Claire Wells





Below: Bob Snow helps a friend select a science book. Below left: Mrs. Sue Crumbley, Mrs. Lois Irby, and Pat Daniels, view students' artwork posted on a lunchroom bulletin board. Left: Mrs. Lucille Pinkston, Miss Betty Atwater, and Mrs. Sandra Barrow select science books for the second grade curriculum.





Beginners Enjoy New Challenges

A variety of field trips and activities excited kindergarteners about learning. In a trip to Atlanta's Mathis Dairy, they had the opportunity to milk a cow. They also visited the livestock exhibits at Georgia's annual state fair. Holidays were commemorated by special activities such as the Halloween carnival. Sharing, a time for show and tell, was a student favorite.

Enthusiasm and eagerness to learn characterized the first grade class. Learning the basics of reading and writing opened up a whole new world for this group. Homework was assigned for the

first time in their readers. Their trip to the Museum of Arts and Sciences to see the Christmas exhibits was a highlight of the year.

Because there were only 53 students in the second grade class, they developed a close bond in the learning experiences they shared. One of the biggest challenges they faced was the transition from manuscript to cursive writing. During the Thanksgiving season, they made a trip to the Indian Mounds to aid in their understanding of the Indian culture.

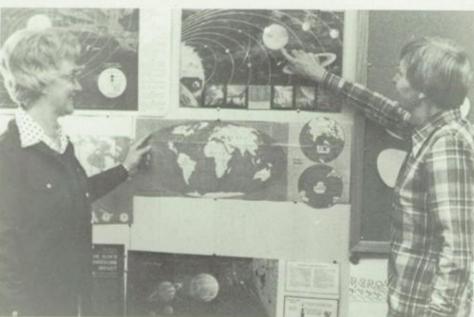
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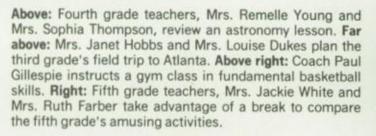
Throughout the year, third graders enjoyed sharing adventures and experiences with the class. Such an experience was their annual trip to Atlanta. Visiting the state capital and the Wren's Nest made their Georgia history unit come alive.

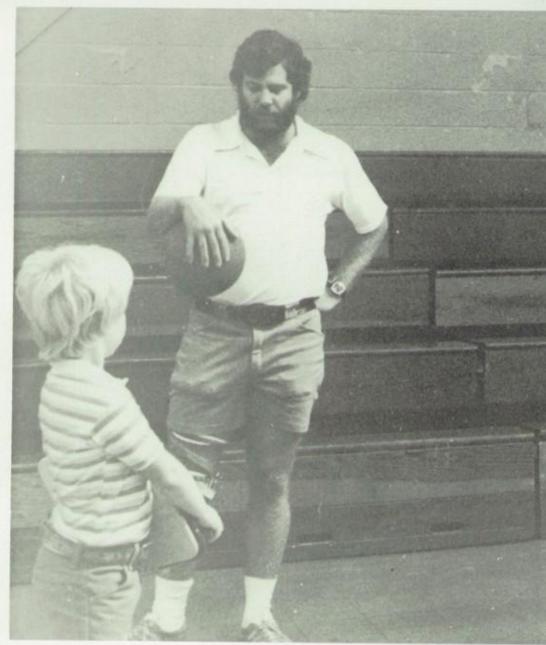
The fourth graders discovered a new aspect of the science of mathematics in multiplication and division. They also traced American history from Christopher Columbus' discovery of the new world to modern times. The challenges presented in mathematics and history encouraged them to work hard.

The fifth grade inherited an air of sophistication. Because they were the oldest at the grammar school, they took on all the responsibilities traditionally belonging to the seventh graders. They also started scientific experimentation in lab with electricity, weather, and navigation. Creative writing encouraged them to use their imagination, and helped them prepare for the middle school.







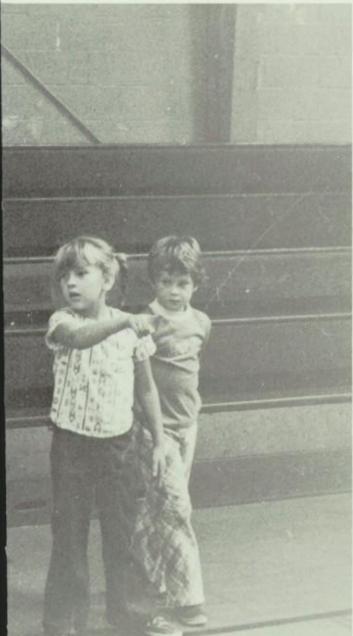






"The responsibility of the elementary school is to develop in the children a love for learning and to teach them the skills that facilitate learning. We hope to develop competent students ready to pursue, with confidence, a higher education."

Mrs. Elaine Massey





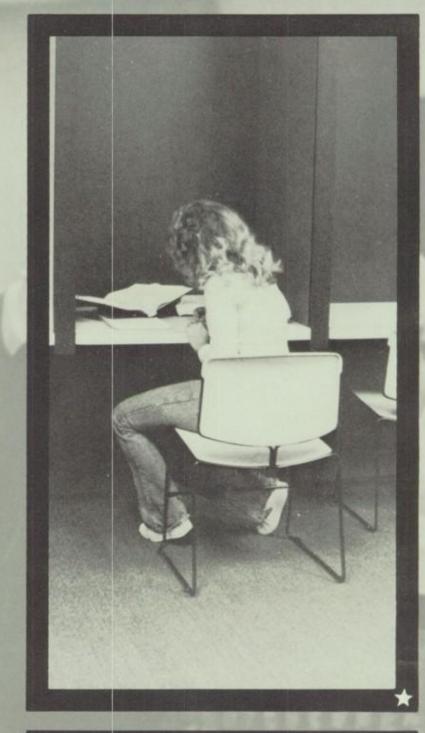




Left: Mrs. Sally Merck looks on at young students involved in drawing and painting. Far above: Mrs. Helen Walker helps Carlen Massey check out a library book. **Above:** Mrs. Mertine Albritton plans tomorrow's French lesson.



HOUSE DIVIDED



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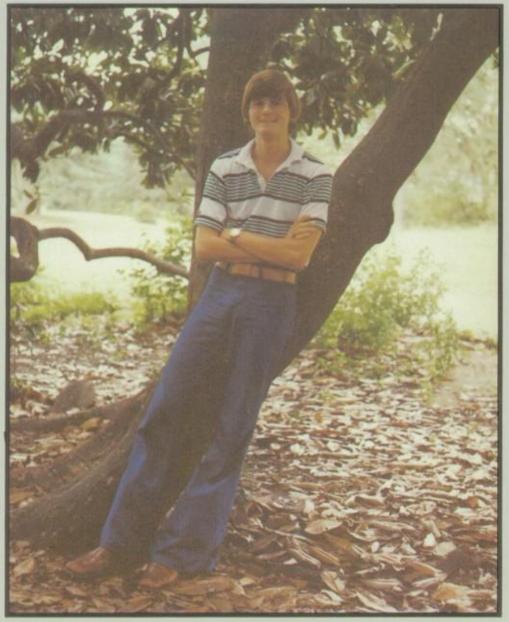
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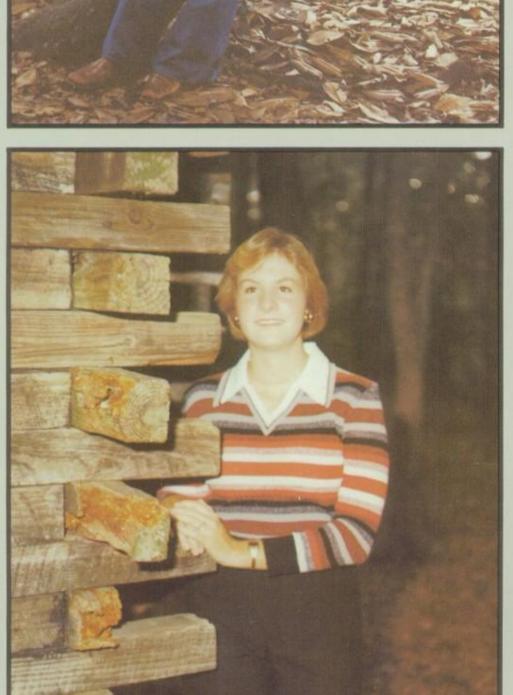
Minor premise: We are a house.

(Definition: we - you and I)

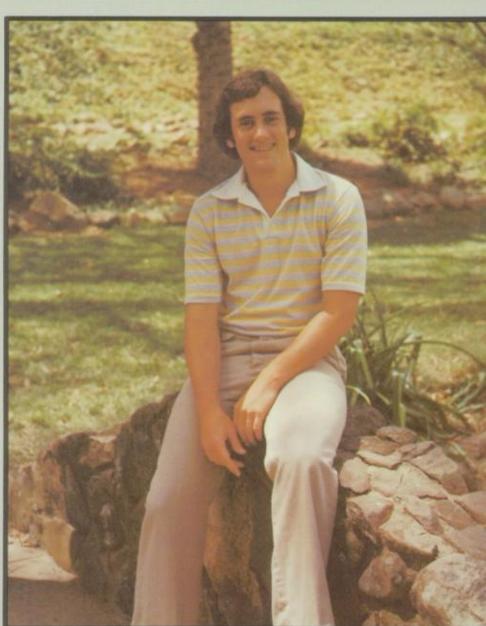
Conclusion: Therefore, divided against our-selves, we cannot stand.

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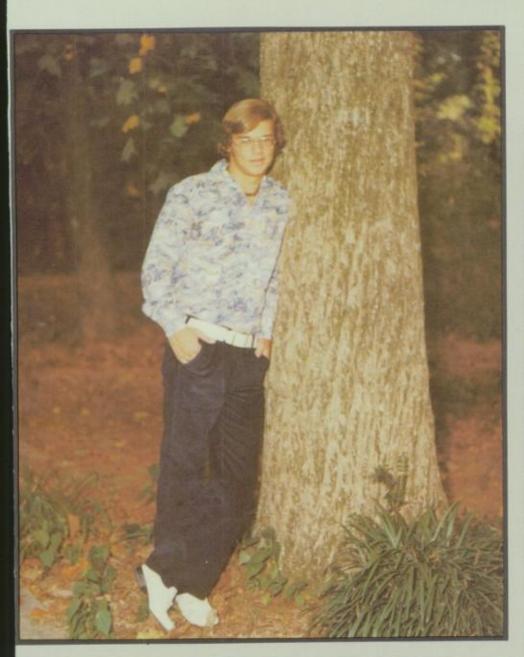




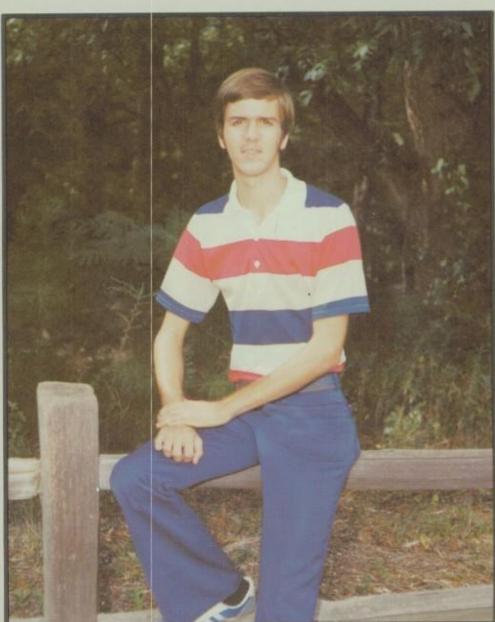


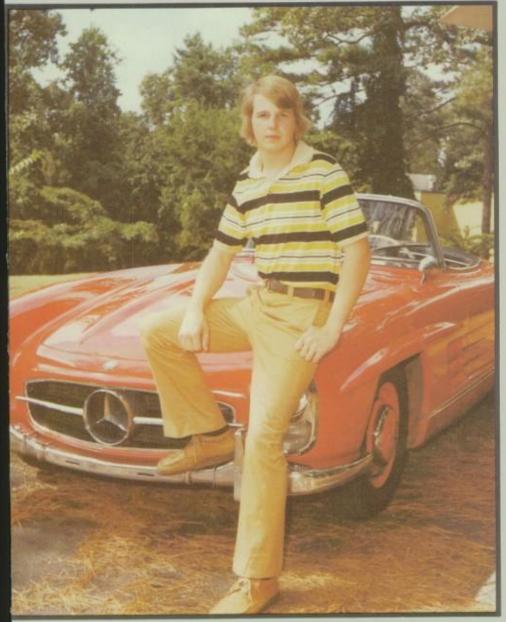


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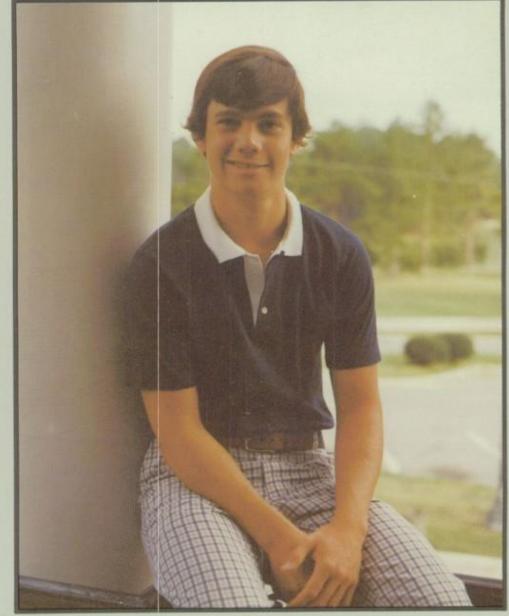


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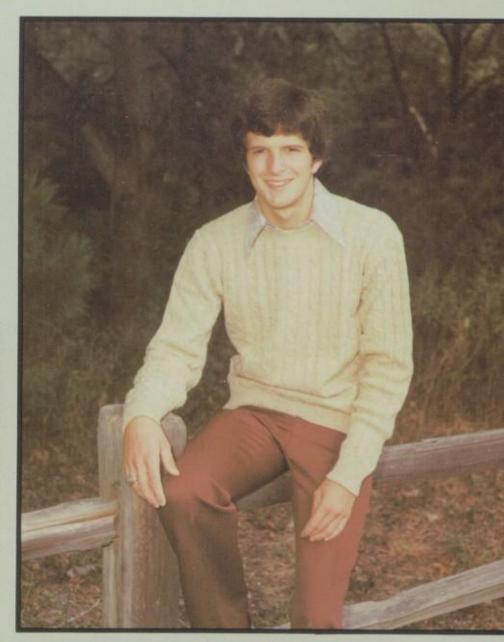


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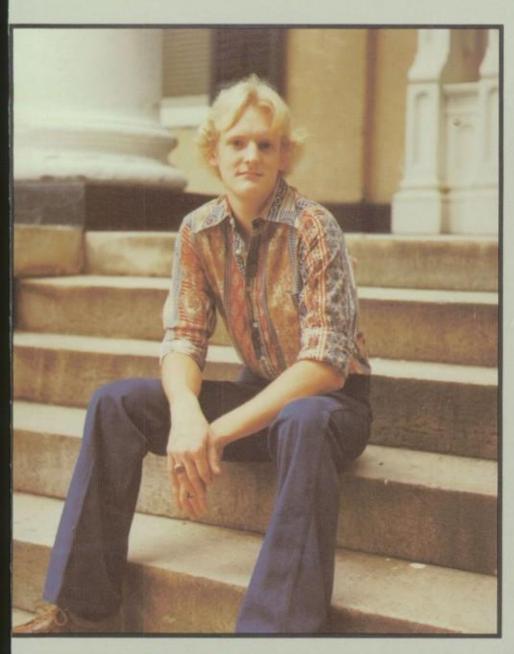




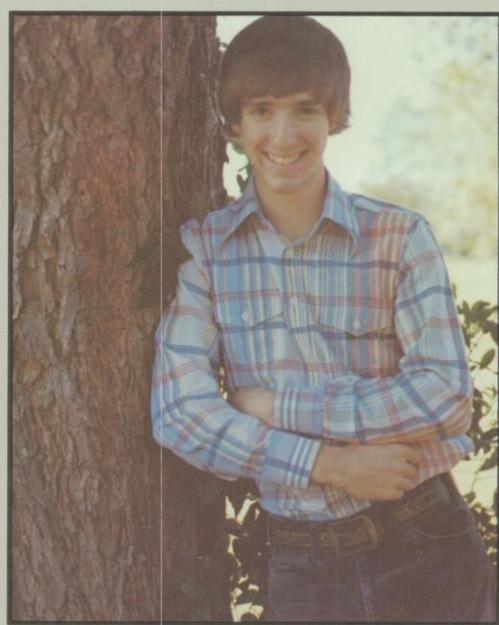
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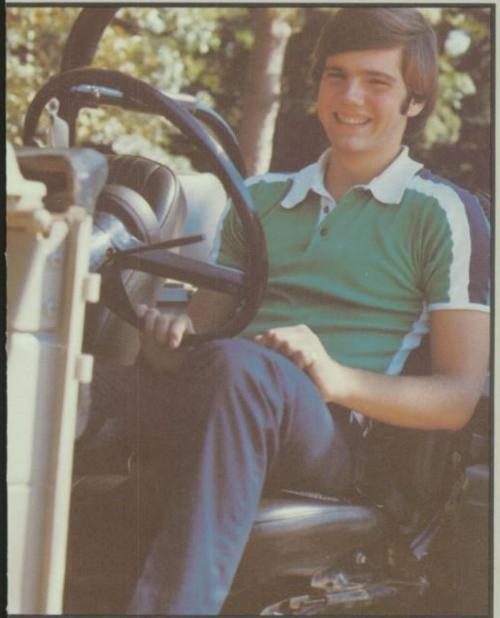




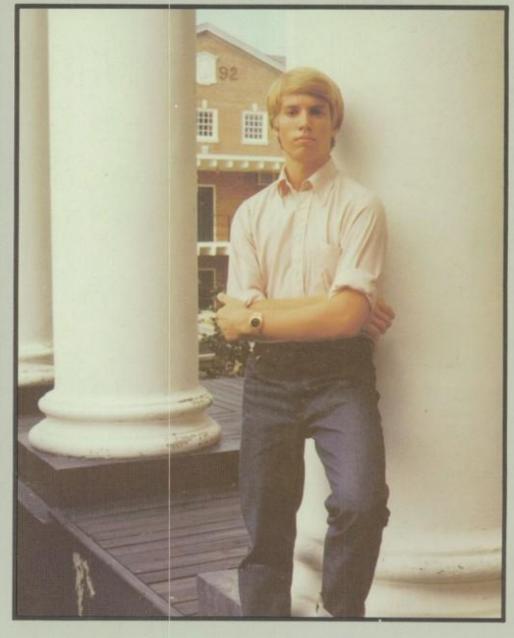


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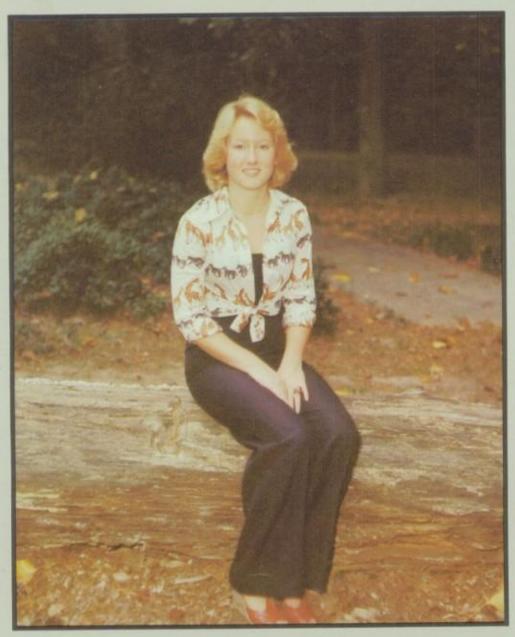
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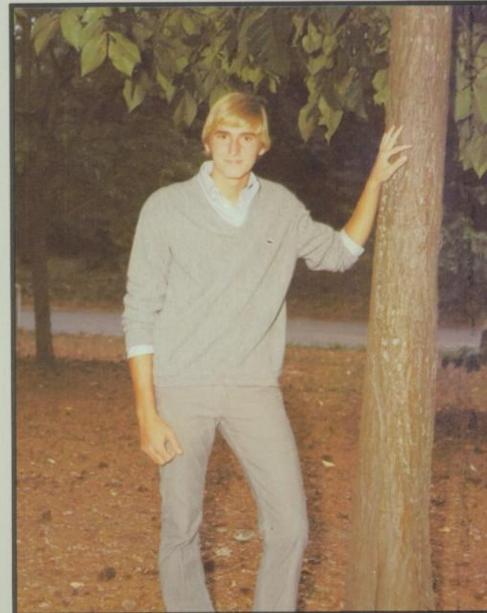


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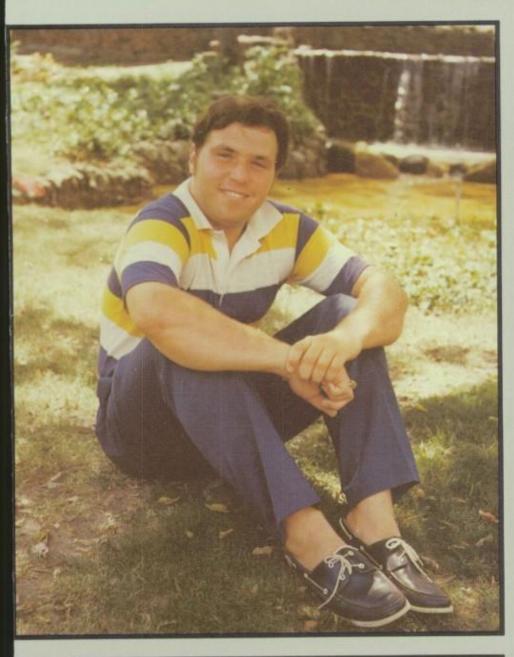




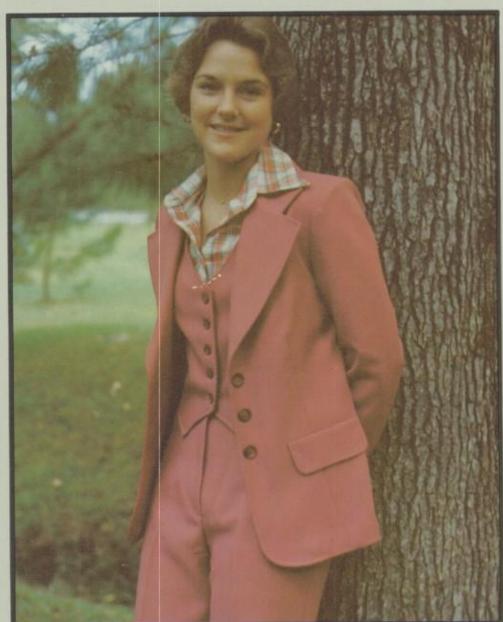




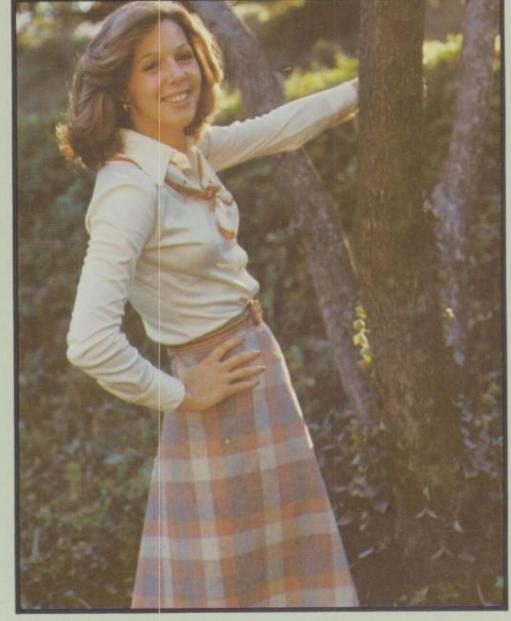
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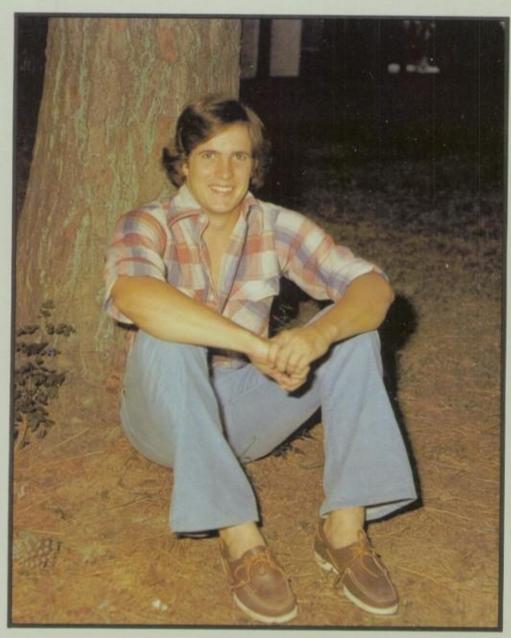


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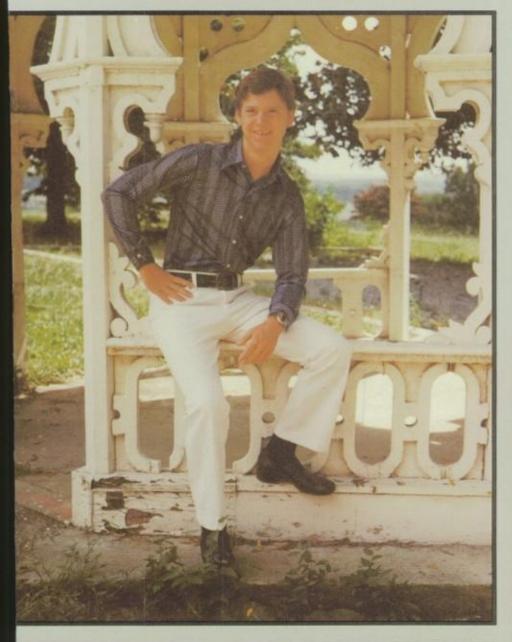
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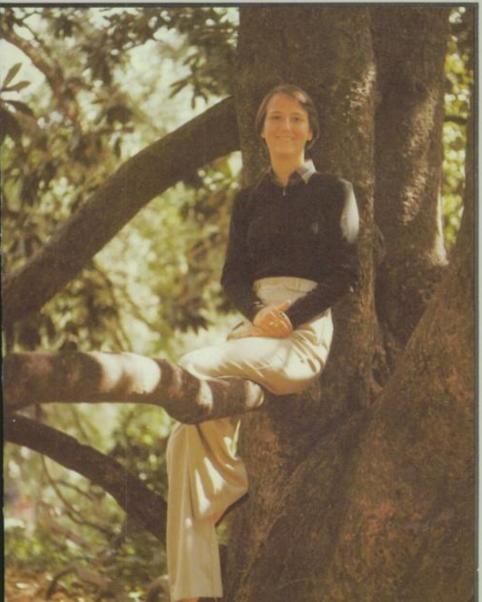


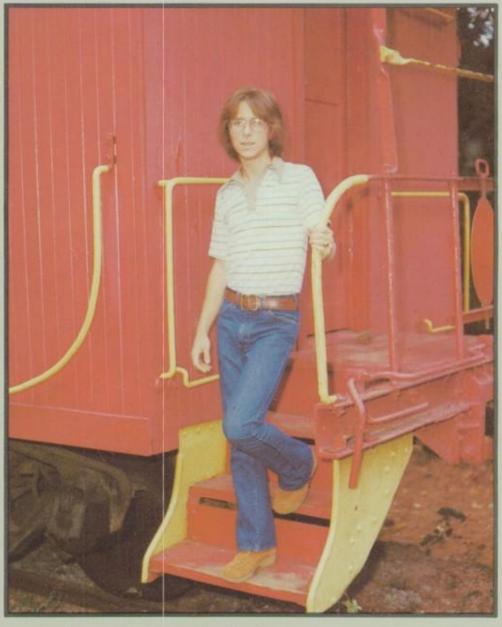


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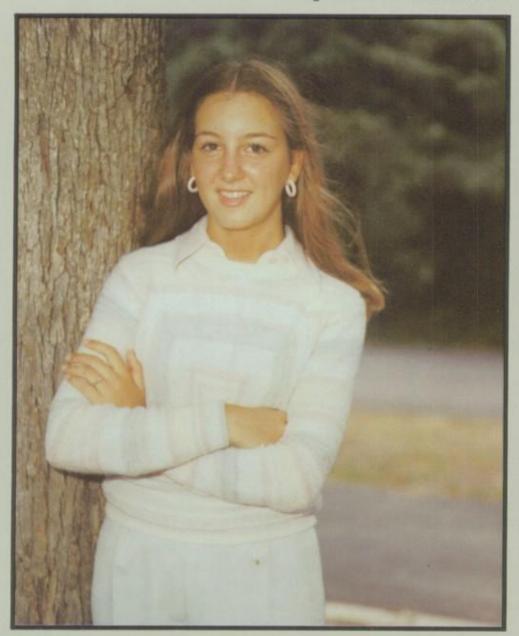




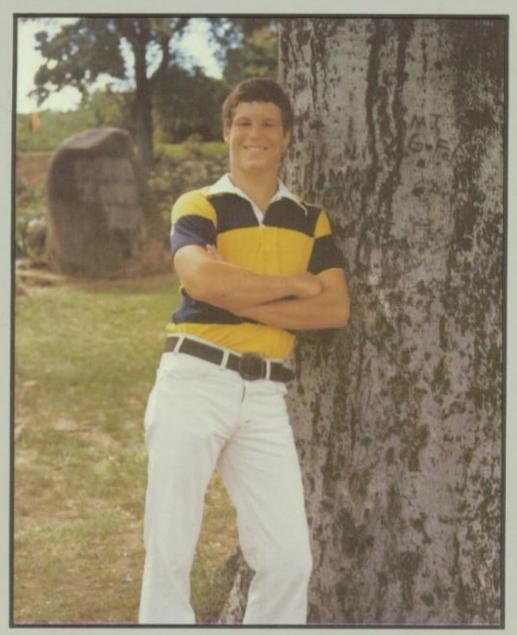


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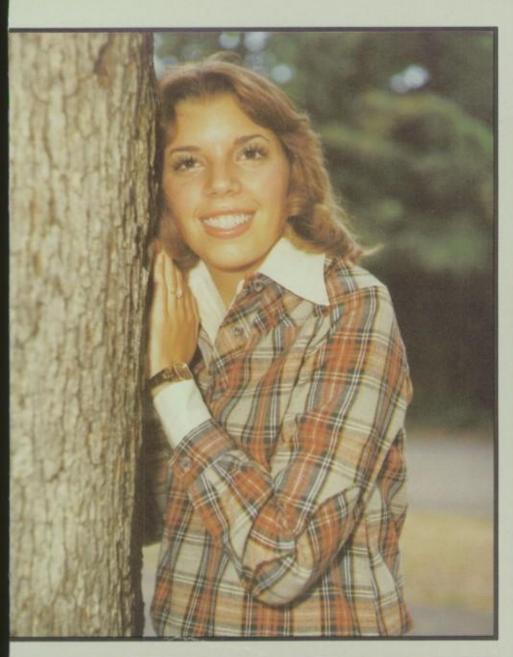






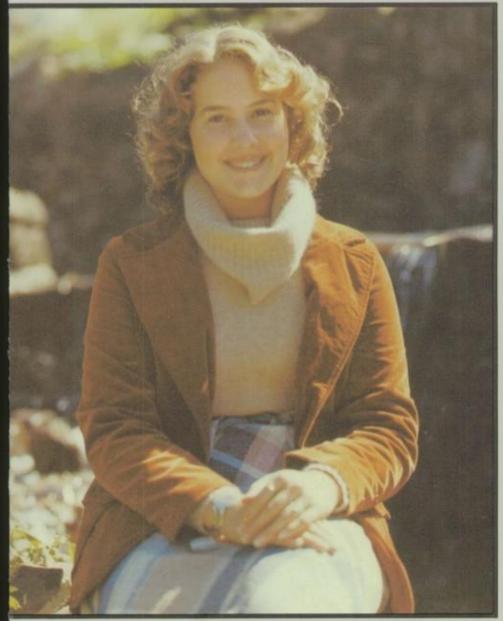


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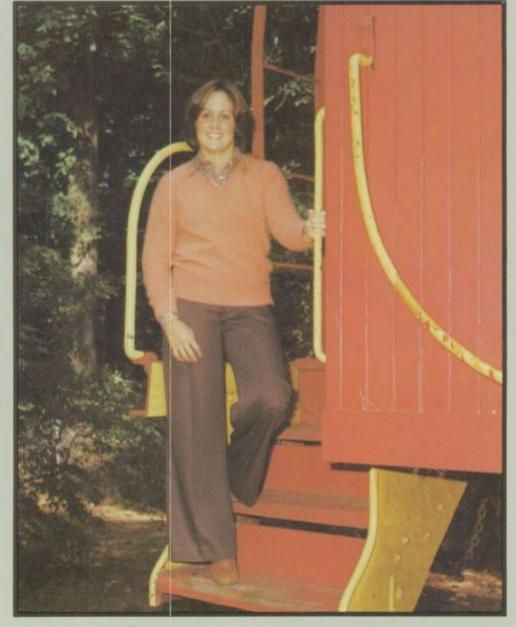


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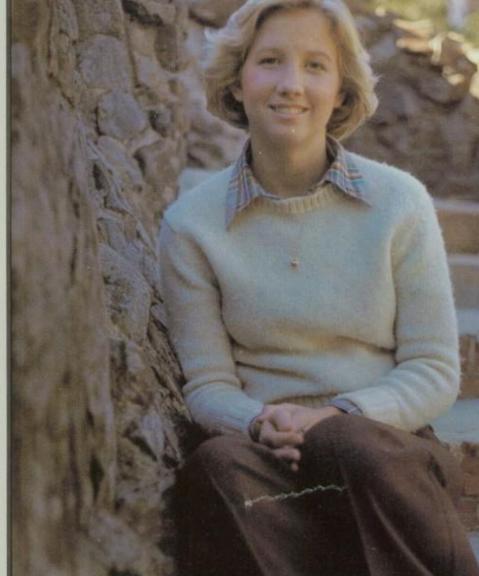


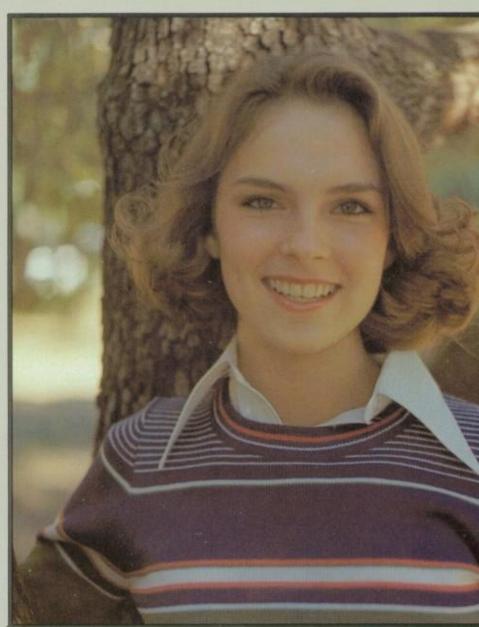
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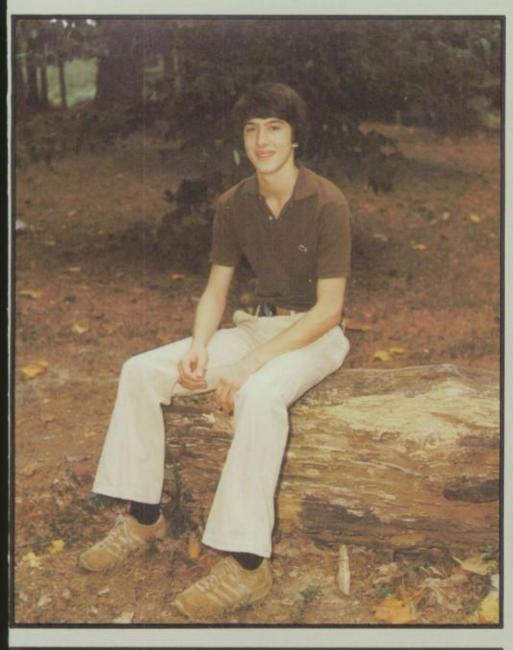


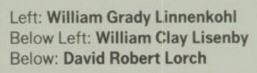


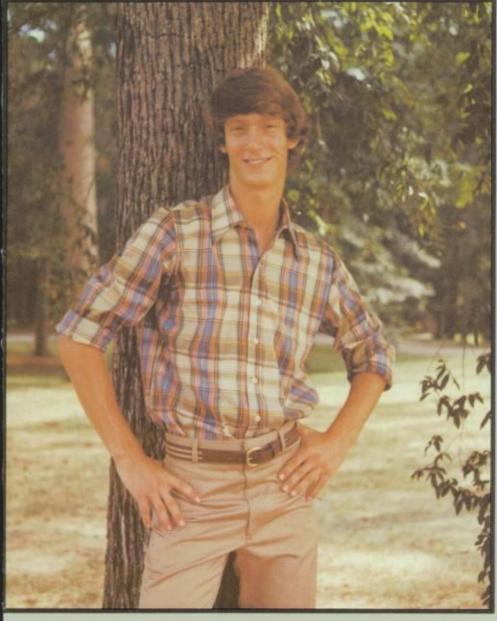
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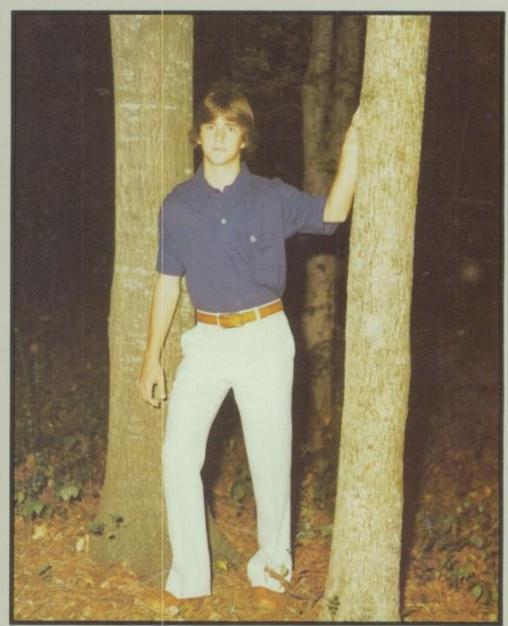




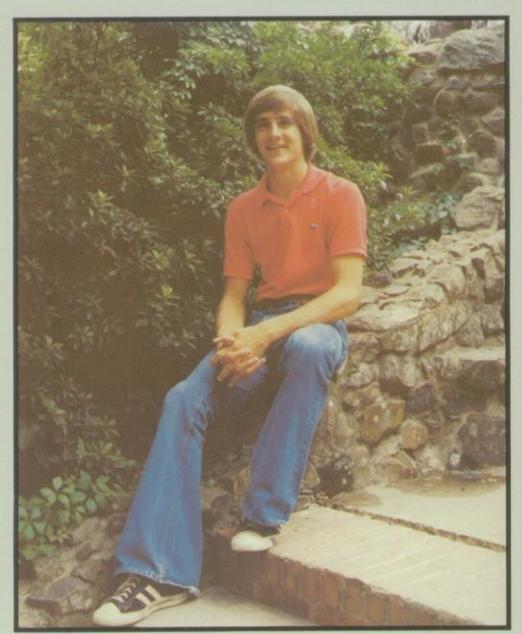


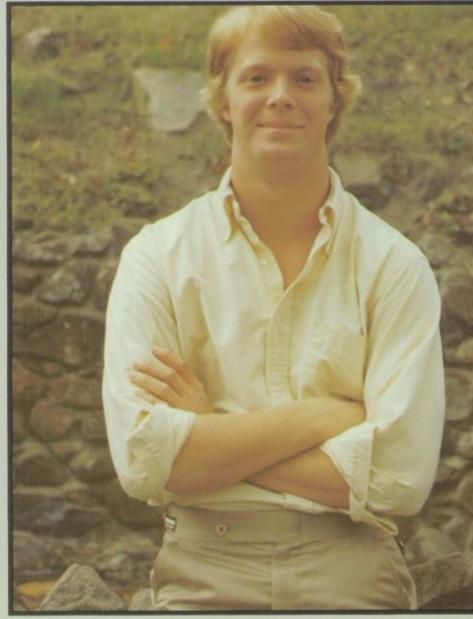


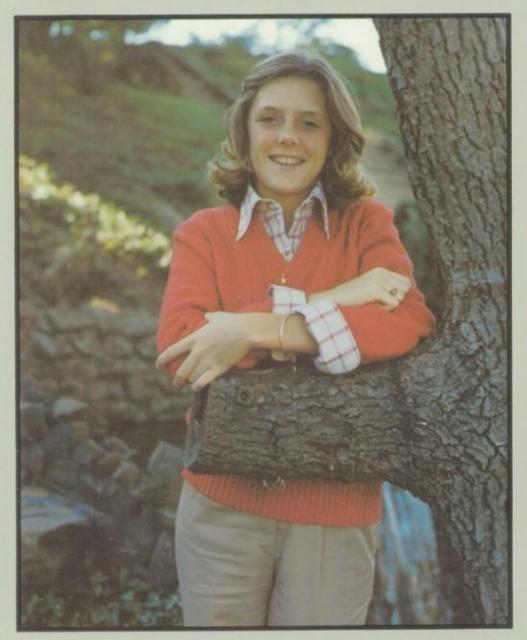


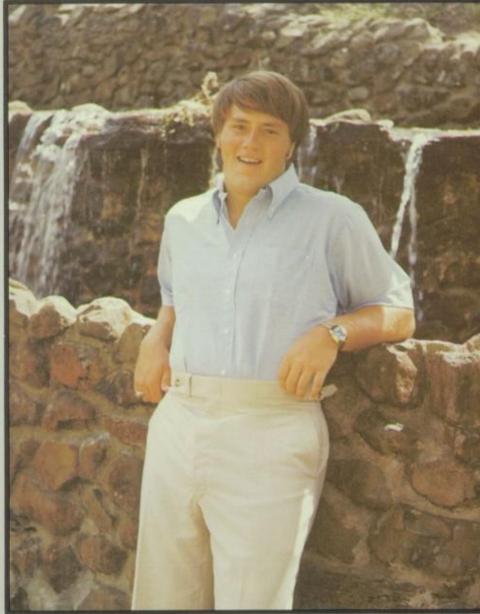


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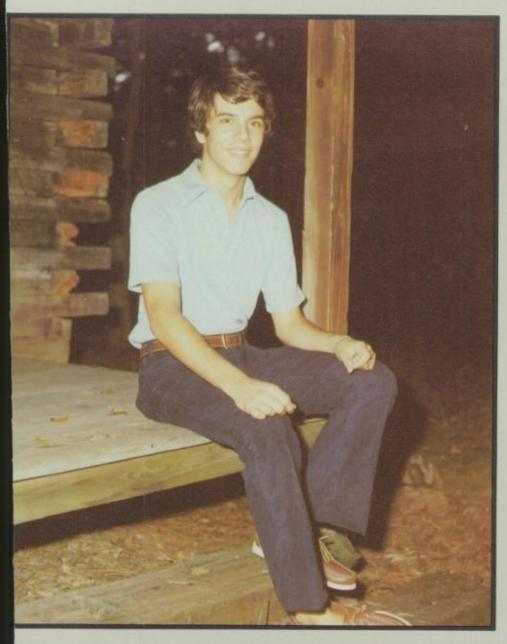




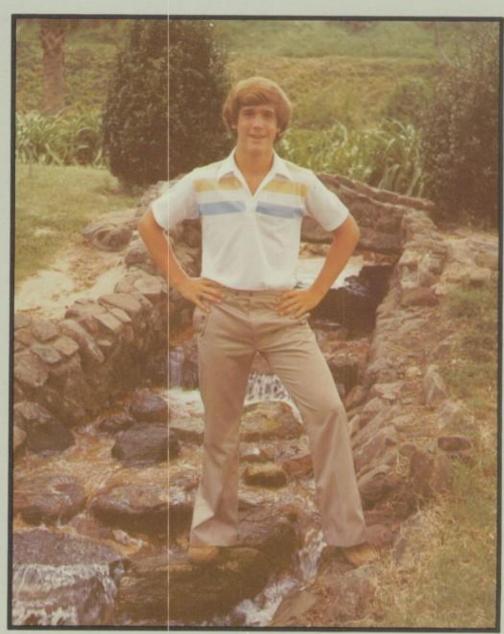


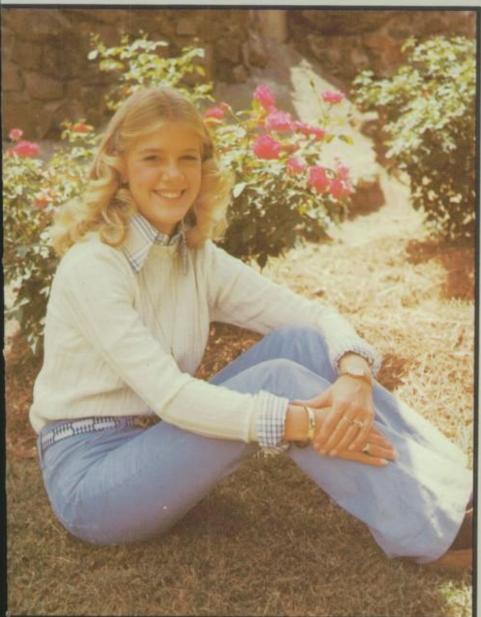


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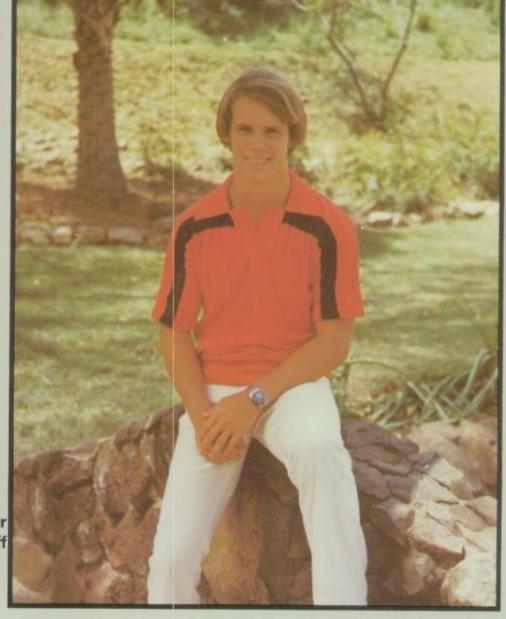


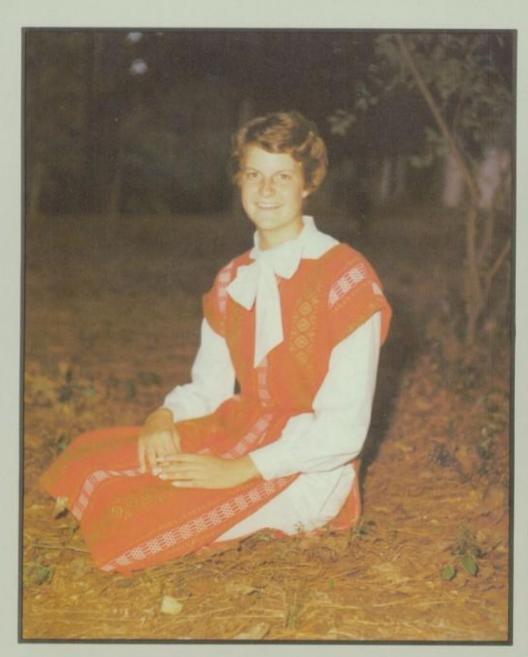
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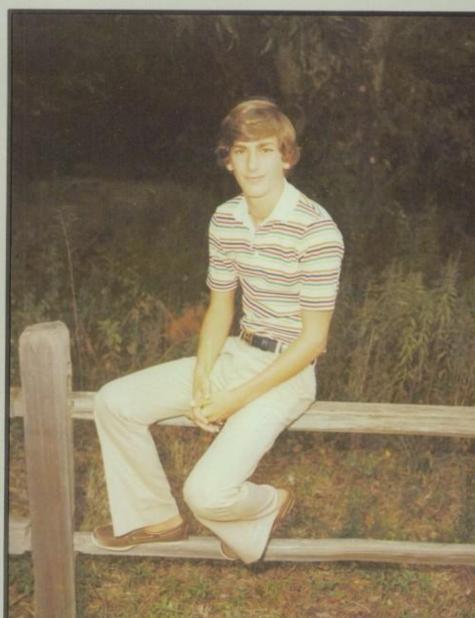


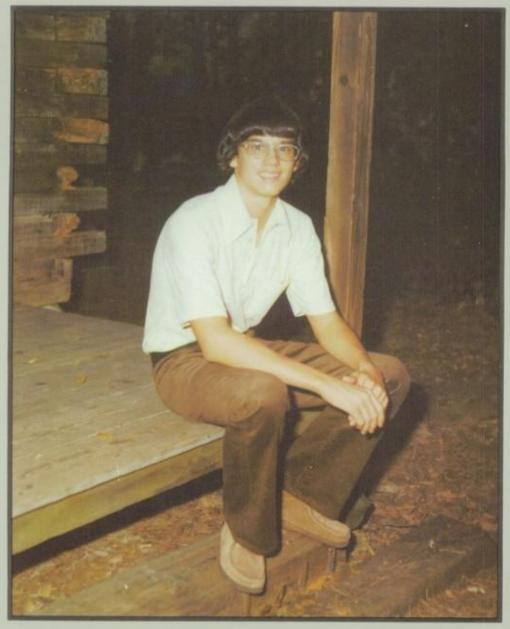
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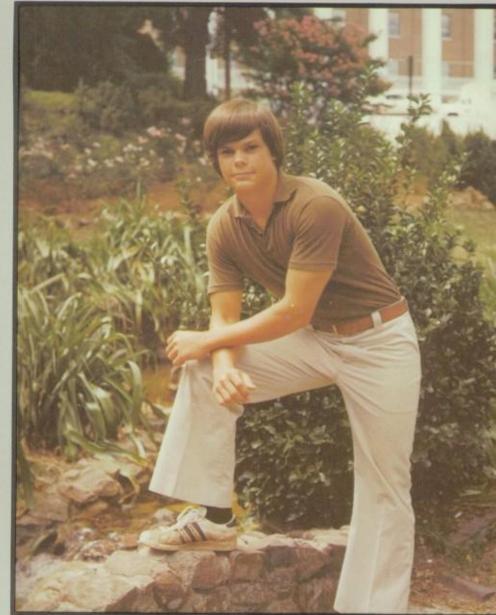


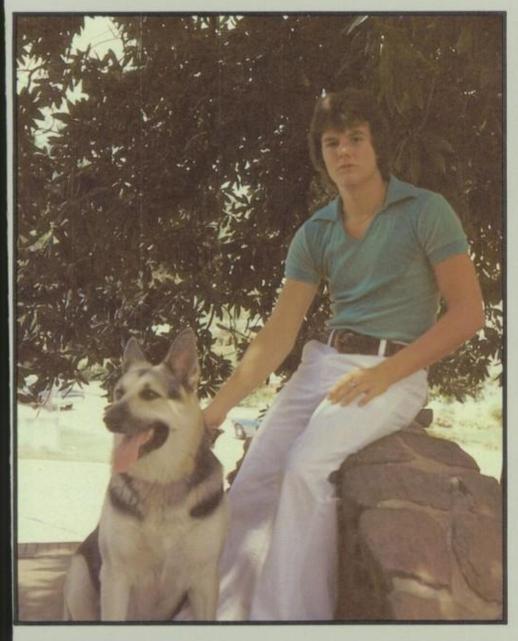
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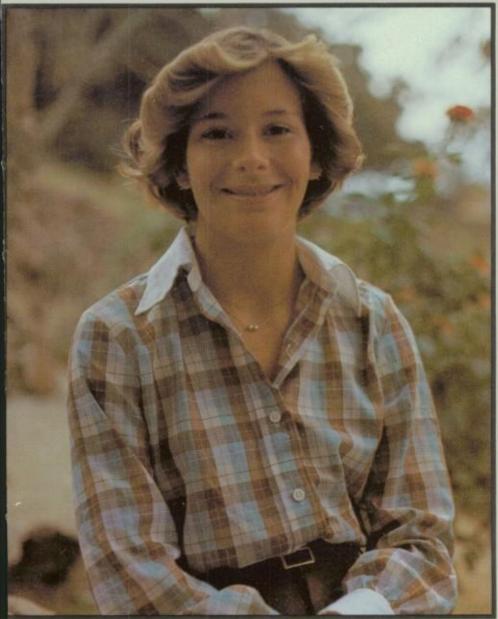




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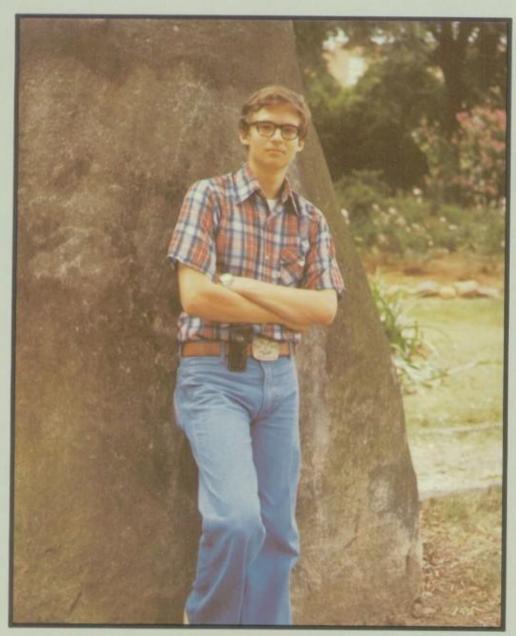




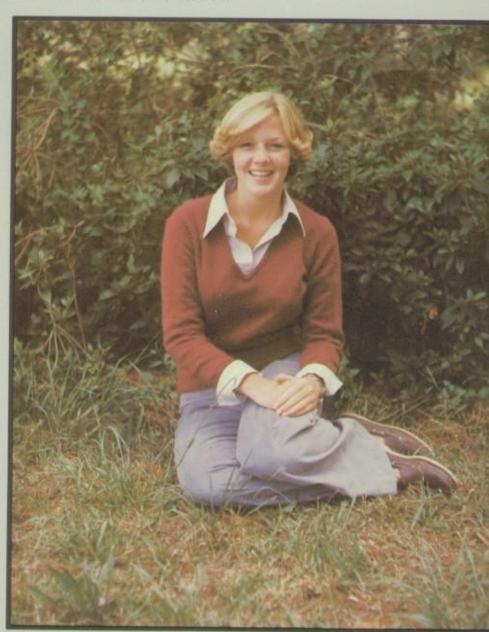


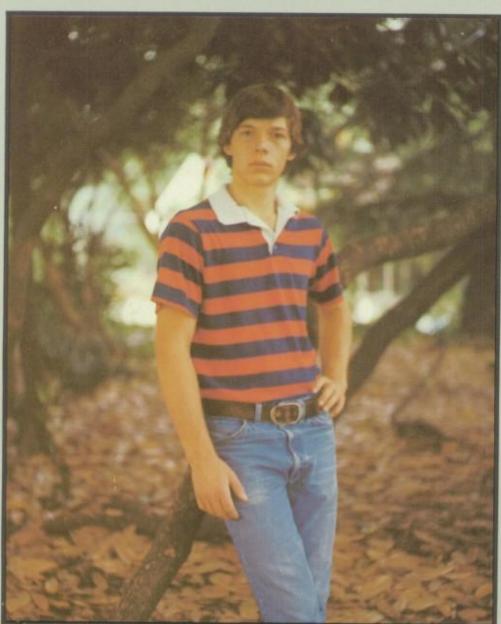


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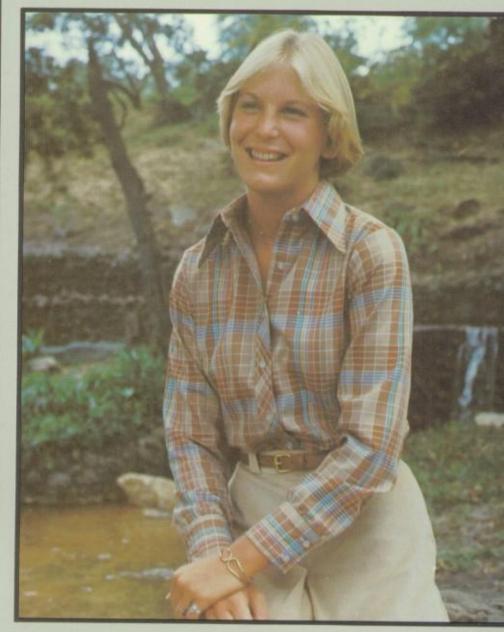


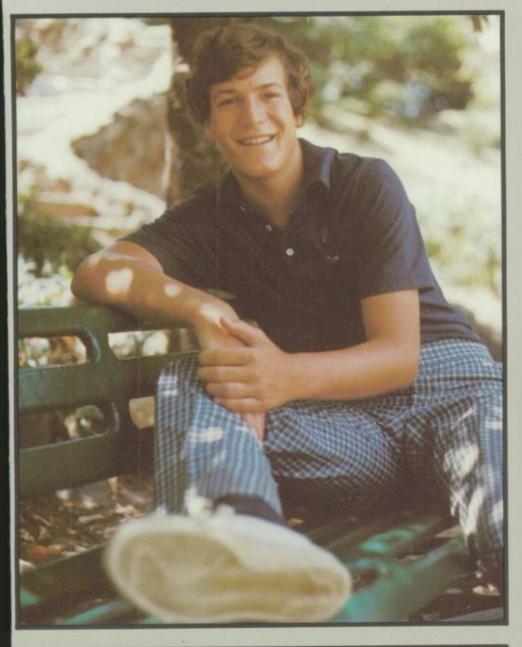
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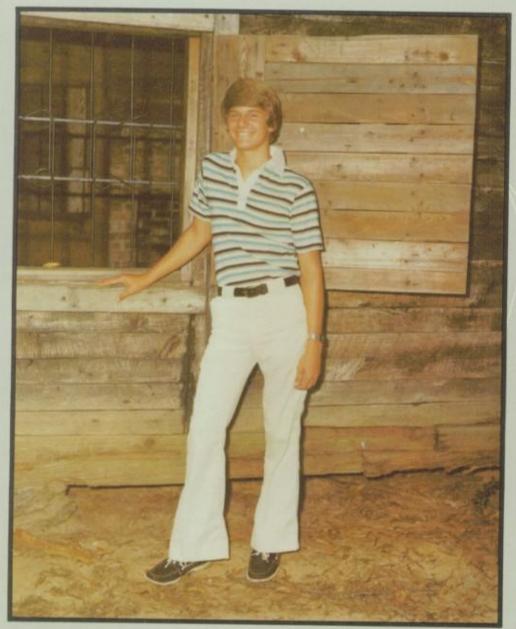


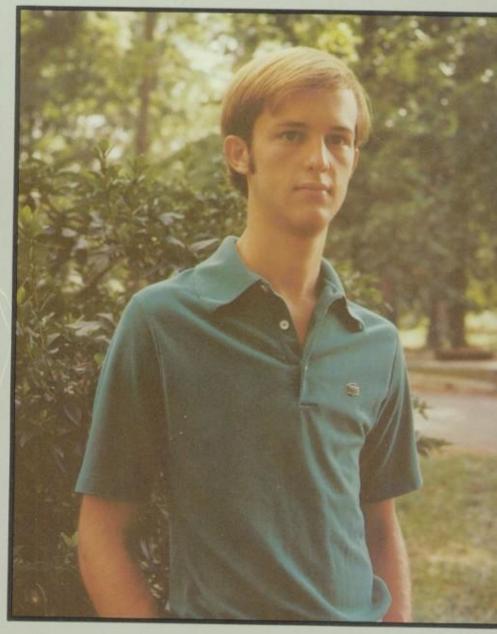




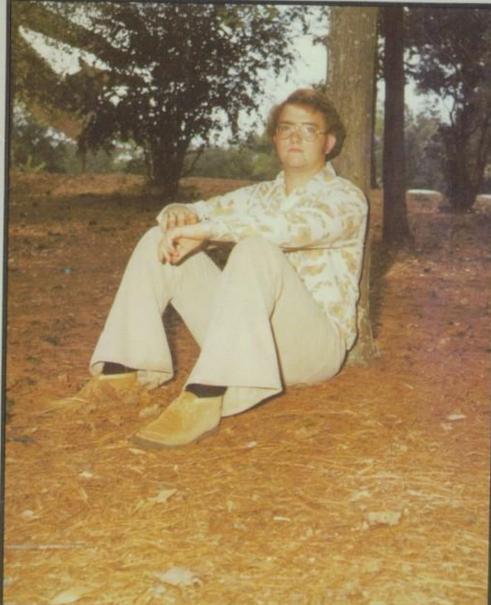
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Below: William Aaron Snow Right: John Shepley Spivey





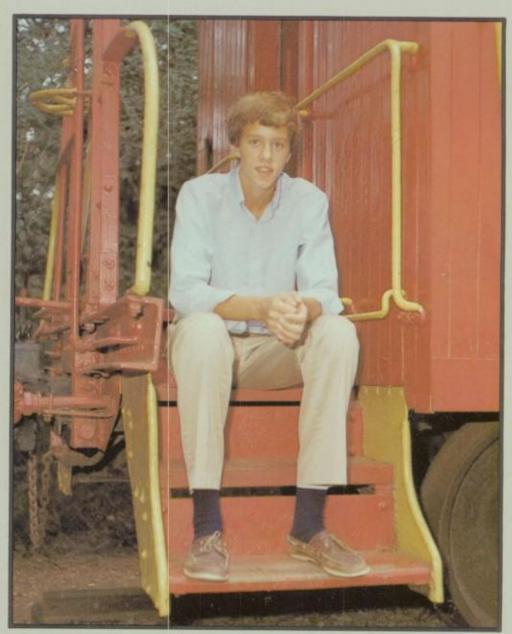


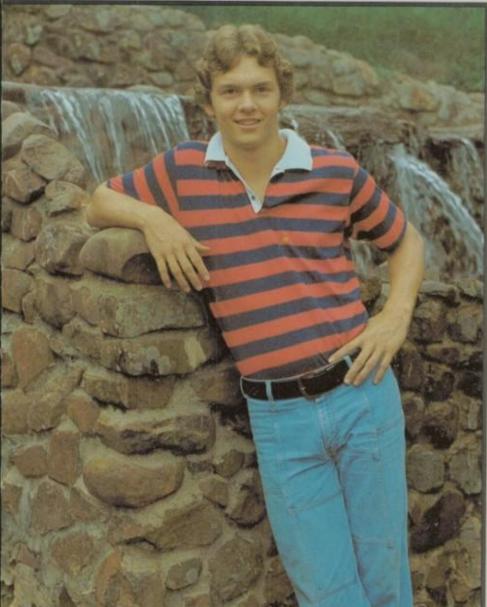


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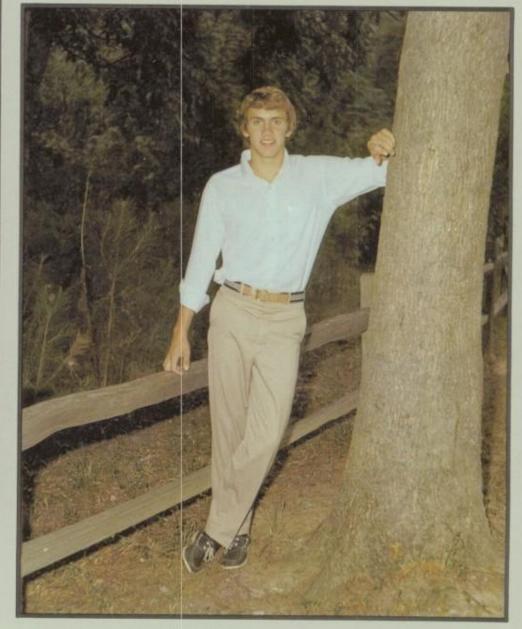


Below: William Blount Walker Left: Susan Terea Thornton





Above: Robert Madison Turner Right: Bryant Durham Willis





Seniors Confront Challenges



The year of the big decision — '78. Seniors faced the awesome question of college choice and future goals. It was a time of self examination to determine values and priorities, and a time to develop an understanding of the world outside the relative security of Stratford seniorhood. Provocative

questions demanded carefully thought out responses. These questions were not only asked on college applications, but were also asked by the seniors themselves.

In making a college decision, each senior had to consider his individual preferences. While some favored a small private institution, others preferred the atmosphere of a large state university. Criteria used in the selection of a school included location, academic standards and programs, size, social organizations, and tuition fees.

Many seniors took weekend trips to visit colleges they were considering. Such visits afforded them the opportunity to see the physical campus, attend classes, talk with students and guidance professionals, and experience college life first hand. A personal knowledge of the school enabled them to make a more objective

decision.

Seniors had to comply with application requirements by taking national standardized tests. Scores from these tests provided reviewing boards with a national comparison scale. All twelth graders took the SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) a minimum of two times: once in the spring of their junior year, and again in the fal of their senior year. Those who applied out of state were required to take the ACT achievement tests in some cases. College admis

sion boards selected potential candidates on the basis of these tess scores, high school grades, class rank, extra curricular activities, and teacher recommendations.

SAT scores have declined over

educators feel the nationwide drop is a result of student disinterest in improving verbal skills. A semantics course was added to the curriculum in the spring of 1977 to alleviate this problem. Taught by

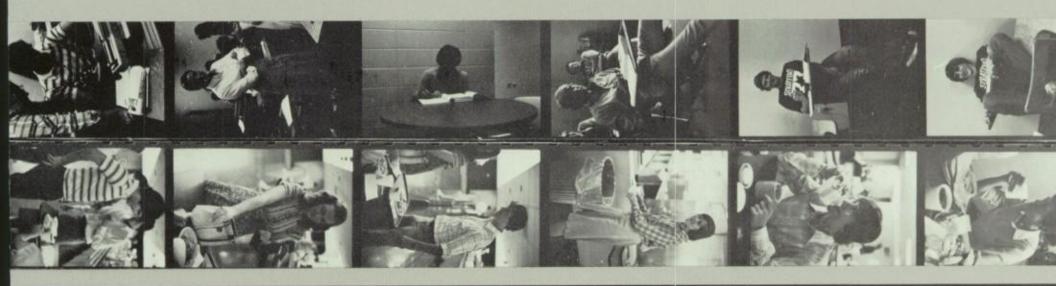
whelmingly in the past decade. Many

riculum in the spring of 1977 to alleviate this problem. Taught by Mrs. Holliday, the class was designed to raise SAT verbal scores.

Seniors realized that a college diploma, along with a graduate degree would help in securing a lucrative job in the more special









ized job market of today. Many of the senior boys planned to pursue the fields of medicine, law or engineering, while many of the girls showed an interest in business and education opportunities.

Most students planned to marry and raise families in that proverbial, fara-

way "someday." The majority also hoped to return to the South to settle down and raise their children.

As broad as the spectrum of future plans was, there was a general consensus on one point at least — uncertainty. Life became life size for the first time. It was both scary and exciting to think about the future and the opportunities it held. "More doors will be opened to you than to a contestant on "Let's Make A Deal," was one senior's note in a fellow classmates yearbook. Still, future was a formidable word.

Seniors grasped an understanding of the competitiveness in college and the business world. Tommy McSwain expressed his readiness to meet this challenge: "I think the education I received at Stratford will help in my years ahead." Russ Hatfield added, "I

just want to try and hope for the best and accept what happens, because nothing is actually certain."

The year of the big decision — '78. What a short year it seemed to be. A year of frustration, reward, self searching and maturity. Top man on the totem pole; BMOC. A year of leadership and example setting. It was a hard year, but it was a good year. With every dream realized, with every goal attained, seniors drew nearer to the future — future success.



What Does the Future Hold?





VALEDICTORIAN — Alan Burns



SALUTATORIAN — Cornealia Ham



Senior Class Officers: Gena Lawrence, secretary treasurer; Jimmy Maddox, president; Cornealia Ham, vice-president; Mrs. Linda Bibb and Mr. Skip Fields, advisors



BEST CITIZEN — Jimmy Maddox

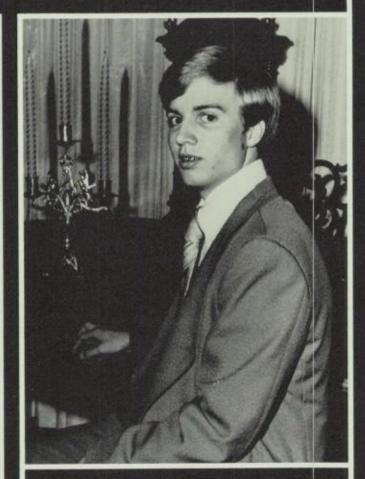


BEST CITIZEN — Holly Palmer

Honor Graduates



CHUCK ADAMS — Beta Club — 11, 12; Drama Club — 11, 12; Band — reporter — 9, assistant conductor — 11; Gingham Menagerie — 11, 12; Straight A Certificate — 11; NEDT Certificate — 9, 10.



ROBERT BURNHAM — Pep Club — 9, 10; Beta Club — 11, 12; Gazebo Staff — 12; Band — 9.



FRAN BUZZELL — Beta Club — 11, 12; Overlook — Staff — 12; Gazebo Staff — 12; Pep Club — 9, 10, 11, 12; Advisory Board — 12; Tennis Team — 9.



ALAN BURNS — Valedictorian; Beta Club — 11, vice president — 12; Science Club — 11 president — 12; French Club — 10, 11, president — 12; Student Council — 12; Gazeb Staff — 12; Overlook Staff — 10, 11, 12; Math Team — 11, 12; Science Team — 12; Academic Bowl — 11, 12; National Merit Finalis — 12; STAR Student Award — 12; Governor's Honors Program — 11; Who's Who Among American High School Students — 11; Straigh A Certificate — 9, 10, 11, 12; NEDT Certificate — 9, 10, Certificate of Merit for State of Georgia and UGA; Tennis Team — 9, 10, 11, 12.



TERRI DAWSON — Pep Club — 9, 10, 11, 12 Beta Club — 11, 12; Varsity Cheerleader — 10 captain — 11, 12; B-team cheerleader — 9 Overlook Staff — 12; Student Council — 11 12; Straight A Certificate — 9, 10.



CORNEALIA HAM — Salutatorian; Pep Club — 9, 10, 11, 12; Beta Club — 11, 12; Science Club — 11, 12; Gazebo Staff — editor — 12; Overlook Staff — 10, 12; Student Council — 12; Spanish Club — 12; Sophomore Class secretary-treasurer; Senior Class vice president; Light Staff — 11, 12; Homecoming candidate; NEDT Certificate — 9, 10; Straight A Certificate — 9, 10, 11; DAR History Award — 10; Certificate of Merit for State of Georgia and UGA; Track Team manager — 9.



JAMIE HESTER — Beta Club — 11, 12; **Light** Staff — co-editor — 12; Pep Club — 9, 10, 11; Spanish Club — 12; **Gazebo** Staff — 12; Flag Twirler — 10; Straight A Certificate — 9, 10; Softball Team — 12.





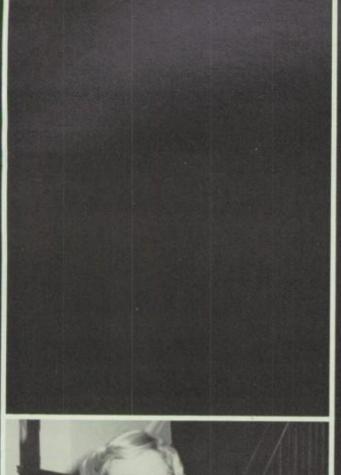
PAM HODGES — Overlook Staff — 11, 12; Gazebo Staff — 12; Drama Club — 10, 11; Spanish Club — 12; Pep Club — 9, 10, 11, 12.



TRICIA KELLY — Beta Club — 11, treasurer — 12; Student Council — 12; Pep Club — 9, 10, 11, 12; Overlook Staff — business manager — 11, assistant editor — 12; Gazebo Staff — 11, 12; Drama Club — 10, 11; Light Staff — 11; Academic Bowl — 12; Straight A Certificate — 9, 10, 11; NEDT Certificate — 9, 10, 11; NEDT Certificate — 9, 10; Certificate of Merit for State of Georgia and UGA; Track Team manager — 9.



LEE KINMAN — Pep Club — 9, 10, 11, 12; Beta Club — 11, 12; varsity cheerleader — 10, 11, co-captain — 12; B-team cheerleader — 9; Overlook Staff — 12; Advisory Board — 12; Baseball manager — 10, 11, 12.





GENA LAWRENCE — Pep Club — 9, 10, 11, 12; Beta Club — 11, 12; varsity cheerleader — 10, co-captain — 11; B-team cheerleader — 9; Overlook Staff — 12; Gazebo Staff — 12; Sophomore Class secretary; Senior Class secretary; NEDT certificate — 9, 10; Math Team — 11, 12; Academic Bowl — 11; Straight A Certificate.



DANA LEWIS — Pep Club — 9, 10, 11, 12; Drama Club — 9, 10, vice president — 11, president — 12; French Club — 10, 11, secretary-treasurer — 12; Beta Club — 11, 12; Gazebo Staff — 12; Overlook Staff — 12; Gingham Menagerie — 12; Forensics Team — 10, 11, 12; B-team cheerleader — 9; NEDT Certificate — 9; Straight A Certificate — 10, 11.



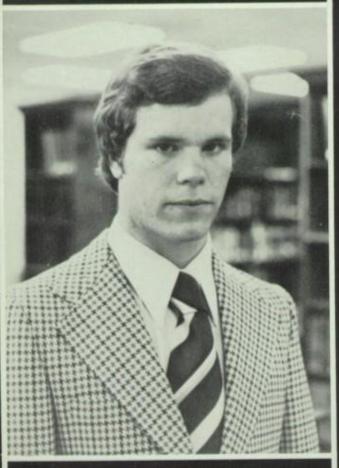
JIMMY MADDOX — Best Citizen; Beta Club — 12; Pep Club — 9, 10, 11, 12; Key Club — 10, 11, president — 12; Science Club — 11; Gazebo Staff — managing editor — 12; Spanisi Club — 12; Student Council — 12; varsit cheerleader — 12; Senior Class president Band — 9; Math Team — 11, 12; Academia Bowl — 11, 12; Varsity Football — 11 Coaches' Award — 12; Track Team — 10.



KENSON MARBUT — Pep Club — 9, 10, 11, 12; Beta Club — 11, 12; French Club — 11; Drama Club — 12; Student Council — secre tary-treasurer — 12; **Overlook** Staff — 12; Valentine Sweetheart — 10, 12; Homecoming first runner-up — 12; Tennis Team — 9, 10, 11, 12.



DONNA KAY MILLER — Pep Club — 9, 10, 11, 12; Beta Club — 11, historian — 12; Gazebo Staff — 12; varsity cheerleader — 10, 11; Junior Class president; Student Council — 11; Math Team — 12; Straight A Certificate — 11; Homecoming candidate — 12; Basketball manager-statistician — 9; B-team Football manager — 9; Track Team — 9.



JAY OLLIFF — Pep Club — 9, 10, 11, 12; Beta Club — 11, 12; Gazebo Staff — 12; Advisory Board — 12; Straight A Certificate — 9, 10; NEDT Certificate — 9, 10; Varsity Football — 10, Best Defensive — 11; MVP and All Region — 12; Varsity Basketball — 10; B-Team Basketball — 9, 10; Varsity Baseball — 10, 11, 12.



HOLLY PALMER — Transferred from Kirkwood High School — St. Louis, Missouri; Best Citizen; Overlook Staff — 11, editor — 12; Beta Club — 11, president — 12; Student Council — 12; Pep Club — 12; Forensics Team — 12; Light Staff — 11; Academic Bowl — 12; Homecoming candidate — 12; Straight A Certificate — 11; DAR History Award — 11.



CHRIS PARSONS — Beta Club — 11, 12; Straight A Certificate — 9; Certificate of Merit for State of Georgia and UGA.



NANCY PETERSON — Pep Club — 9, 10, secretary — 11, president — 12; Beta Club — 11, 12; Student Council — vice president — 12; Overlook Staff — 12; Key Club Sweetheart; varsity cheerleader — 11, 12; B-team cheerleader — 9, 10; Junior Class vice president; Homecoming Queen; Homecoming representative — 10; Valentine Sweetheart — 9; Varsity Basketball — 11, 12; B-team Basketball — 9, 10; Baseball manager — 11, 12.



BUDDY POPE — Pep Club — 11, 12; Key Club — 12; Gazebo Staff — 12; Band — 9, president and Most Improved Bandsman — 10; Drum Major — 11; Gingham Menagerie — 11, 12; Student Council — 10.



SANDY SHEALY — Pep Club — 9, 10, 11, 12; Beta Club — 11, secretary — 12; Student Council — president — 12; Gazebo Staff — 12; Light Staff — 12; Debate Team — 11, 12; varsity cheerleader — 11; B-team cheerleader — 9, 10; Freshman class vice president; Straight A Certificate — 9, 10, 11; DAR History Award — 10; Most Outstanding High School Senior; Bibb County Youth of the Year.



TERRY THORNTON — Pep Club — 9, 10, 11, 12; **Light** Staff — 10, 11, editor — 12; **Gazebo** Staff — 12; Beta Club — 11, 12; Spanish Club — president — 12; Homecoming representative — 11; Homecoming candidate — 12; Straight A Certificate — 11.



BOB TURNER — Pep Club — 10, 11, secretary-treasurer — 12; Key Club — 11, 12; Drama Club — 11; Beta Club — 11, 12; Gazebo Staff — 12; Gingham Menagerie — 12; NEDT Certificate — 9, 10; Math Team — 11; Varsity Football — 10, 11; B-team Football — Most Improved — 9; Varsity Basketball — 11, 12; B-team Basketball — 9, MVP — 10; B-team Baseball — 9, 10.

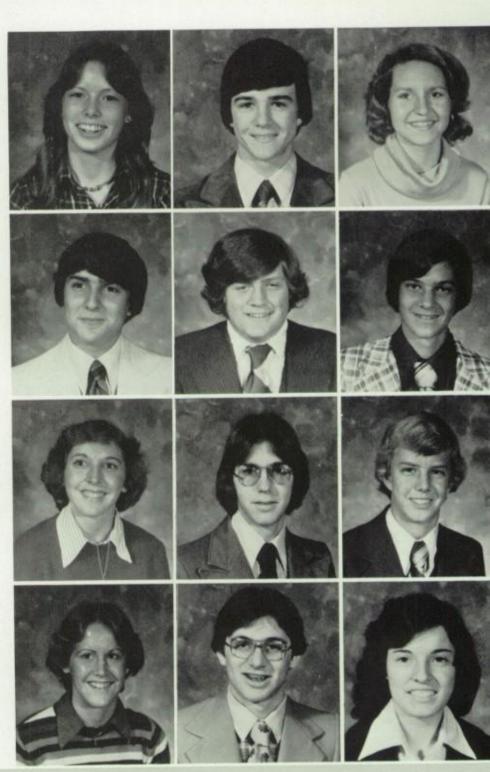
Class studies that kept juniors busy were detailed chemistry experiments, reading a wide selection of books for English, and Pre-Calculus tests and term papers. Also, in the fall they took the PSAT and the SAT in the spring as they began to consider their future at college.

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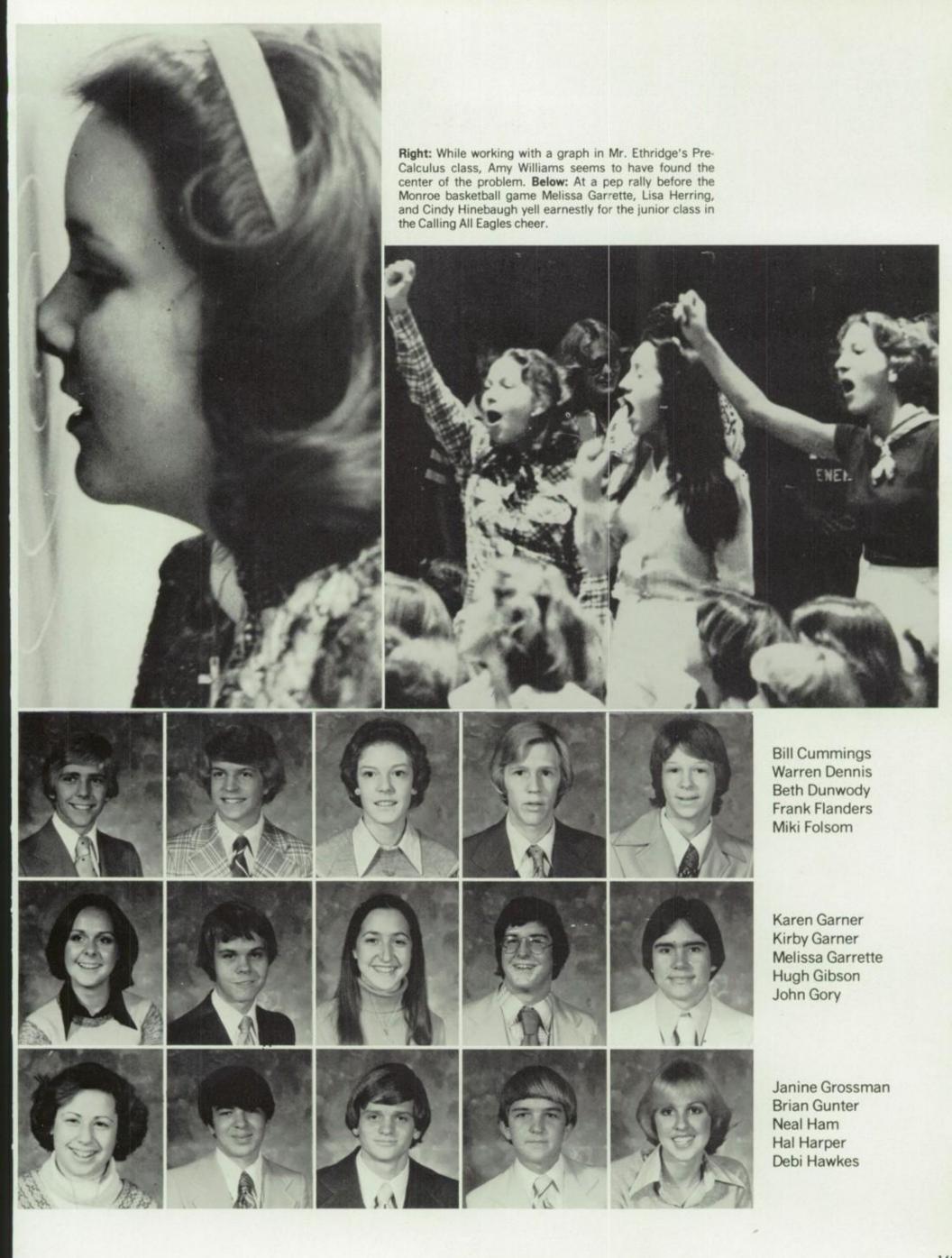
Carla Buxton Michael Casteel Bobby Cleveland

Carol Coney David Cotton Cindy Courtney





Above: Junior Class Advisors: Mr. Eric Brannen, Betty Stewart. Officers: Laura Lamb, secretary; Sur Smission, president; Neal Ham, vice president.



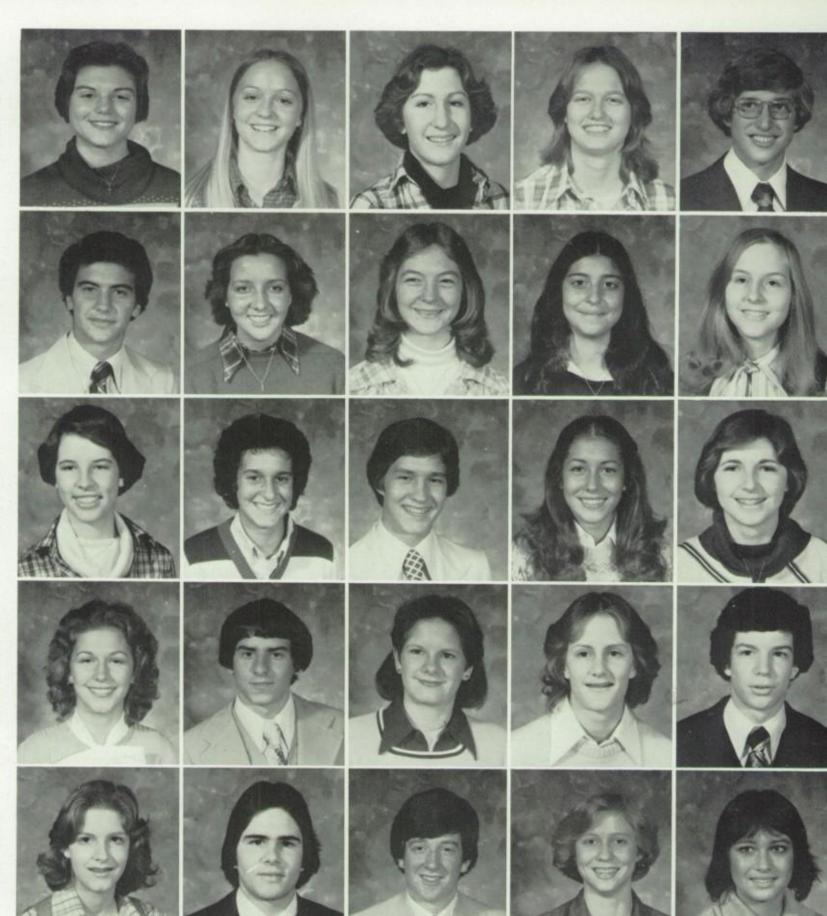
Corley Hawkins Marcia Hemingway Lisa Herring Donna Higgins David Hightower

Rusty Hilburn Amy Hill Cindy Hinebaugh Anneilia Holton Ginger Jackson

Nancy Johnson Jaime Kaplan John Keen Laura Lamb Becky Lanford

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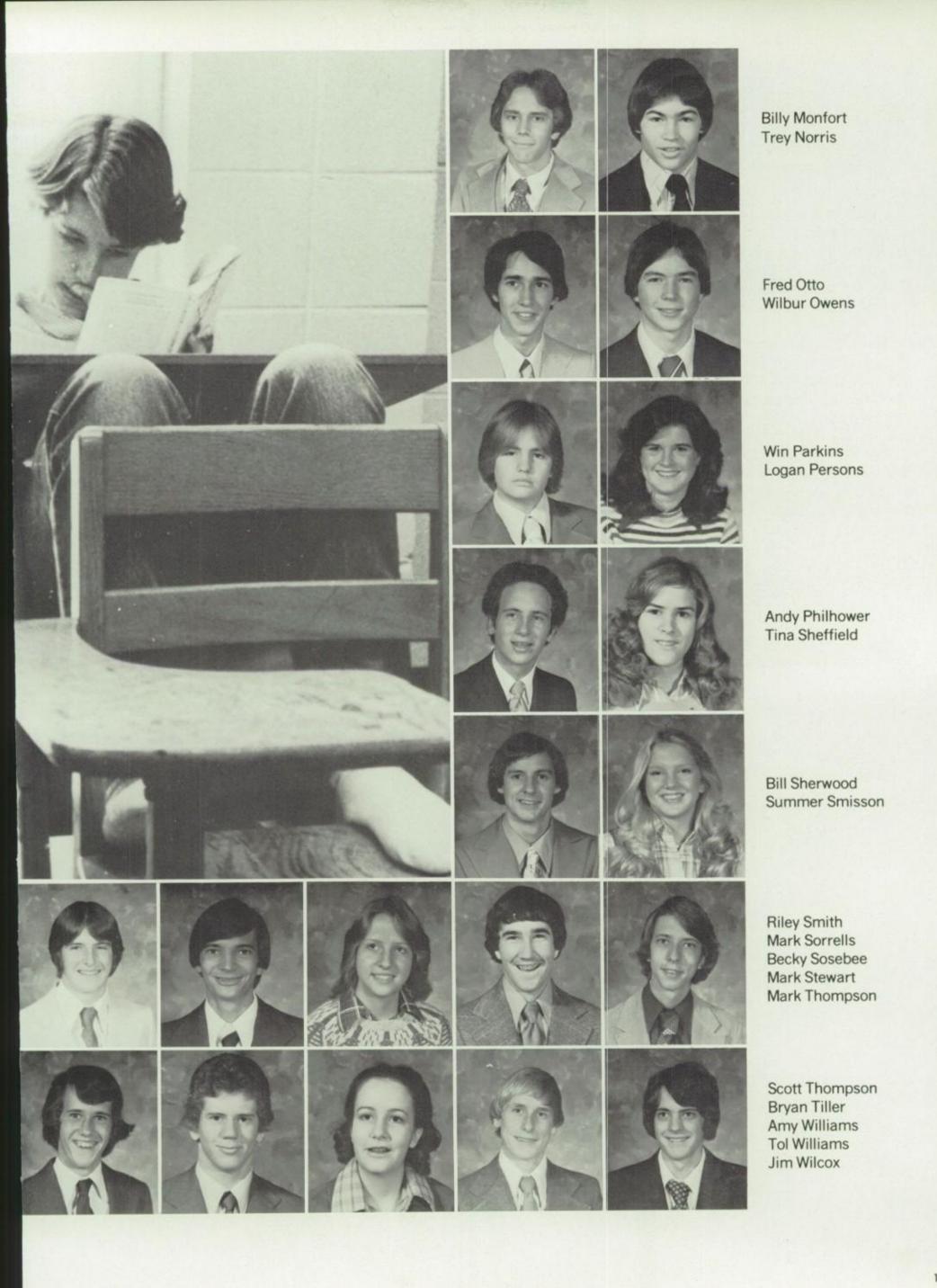


In Memoriam Jack Raybourne May 21, 1961-June 17, 1977

"and when your sorrow is comforted (time soothes all sorrows) you will be content that you have known me. you will always be my friend."

Antoine de Saint Exupery

Above right: Nancy Johnson finishes her homework assignment in The Mayor of Casterbridge for Mr. Brune English class.



In order to widen their learning scope they completed a Science Fair project that was judged and graded, American History projects, and a term paper on an outside subject for English. Highlights of their year included many students turning sixteen and being able to drive, the Commodores concert, and parties on the weekend that increased the closeness of the class.

Mark Baron Whitney Beard Gerry Bell

Charlotte Bowen **Jack Bowers** Laurie Brook

Lisa Browne Ann Carter Katherine Chamlee

Jim Cotton Wallace Crawford Joy Culpepper













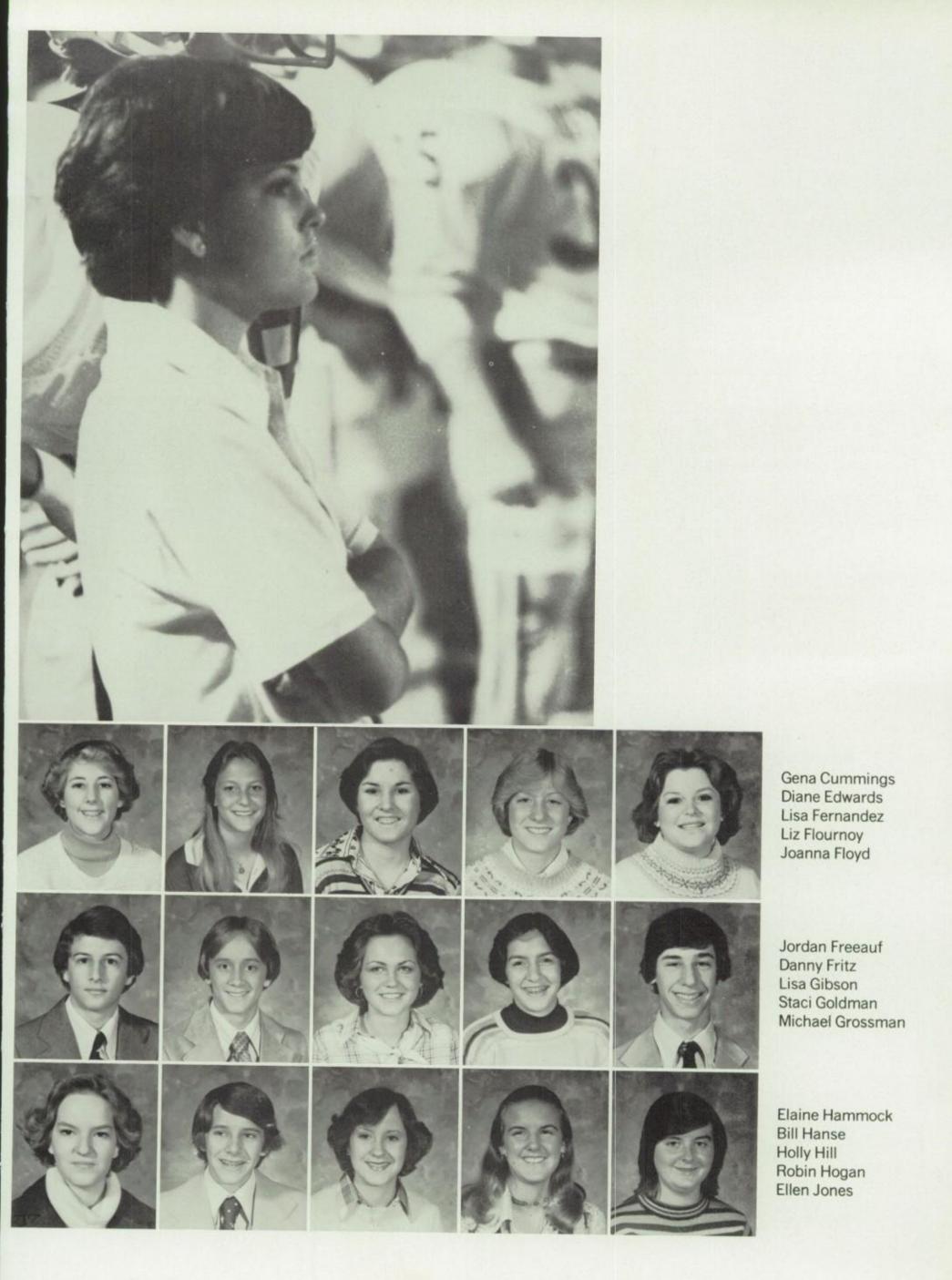








Above: Sophomore Class Advisor: Mrs. Sandy Popso Officers: Lee Lasseter, secretary; Kathy King, preside Katherine Chamblee, vice president. Above right: At t Tatnall football game, manager Claire Williams watch intently as the Eagles set up for their first goal.



Right: Liz Flournoy practices her forehand strokes while warming up before a match. Below: Holly Hill gives a speech on the controversial abortion issue in Mr. Brannen's Speech class.



Marion Kelly Kathy King

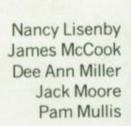


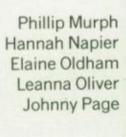


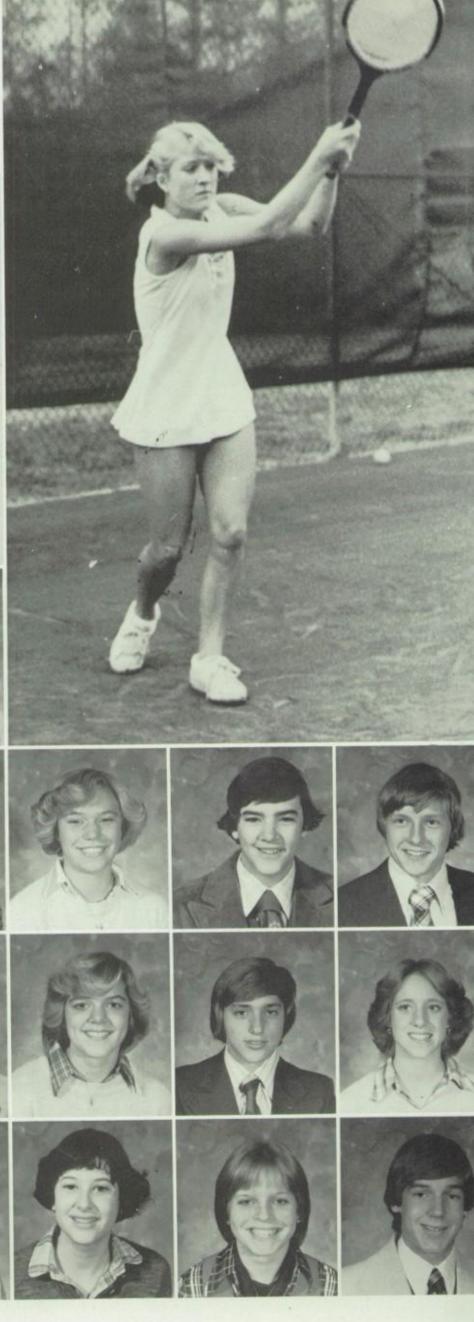




Jim Kinman Robin Knight Cathy Kurek Lee Lasseter Lee Lineberger

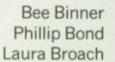


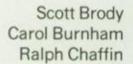






Tim Adrien Gene Beall Lark Bennett





Tarver Clarke Brett Cleveland Tal Coppage





Above: Freshman Class Advisors: Mr. Henry Tift, Mr. E Brannen. Officers: Karen Jarrard, vice president; E Heard, secretary; Rob Patterson, president.

Outside of regular classroom activities, the ninth grade participated in many other activities. In the summer of 1977, the freshman class developed a new type of class organization called Eagle I. In structuring Eagle I the entire class expressed their ideas and voted on laws for a constitution, giving the class a clear identity from other grade levels in the school. The club was at liberty to hold or participate in any activity voted on by the majority of its members.

Throughout the year, the class held many social gatherings such as a skiing trip at Lake Sinclair, taking a trip to Six Flags Over Georgia, and various other parties. The class sponsored these trips themselves by raising a substantial amount of money through several projects, including a garage and cake sale. The freshmen, at the end of the year, seemed to think that Eagle I's first year was a success!





Right: Ninth grade students return to class after a planning meeting for a skiing party. **Below:** B-Team football players gather on the sideline to watch the closing minutes of the Presbyterian game.



Chip Koplin Jorie Lawrence Lisa Lineberger Blake Lisenby Nancy London











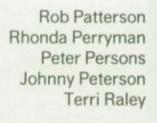












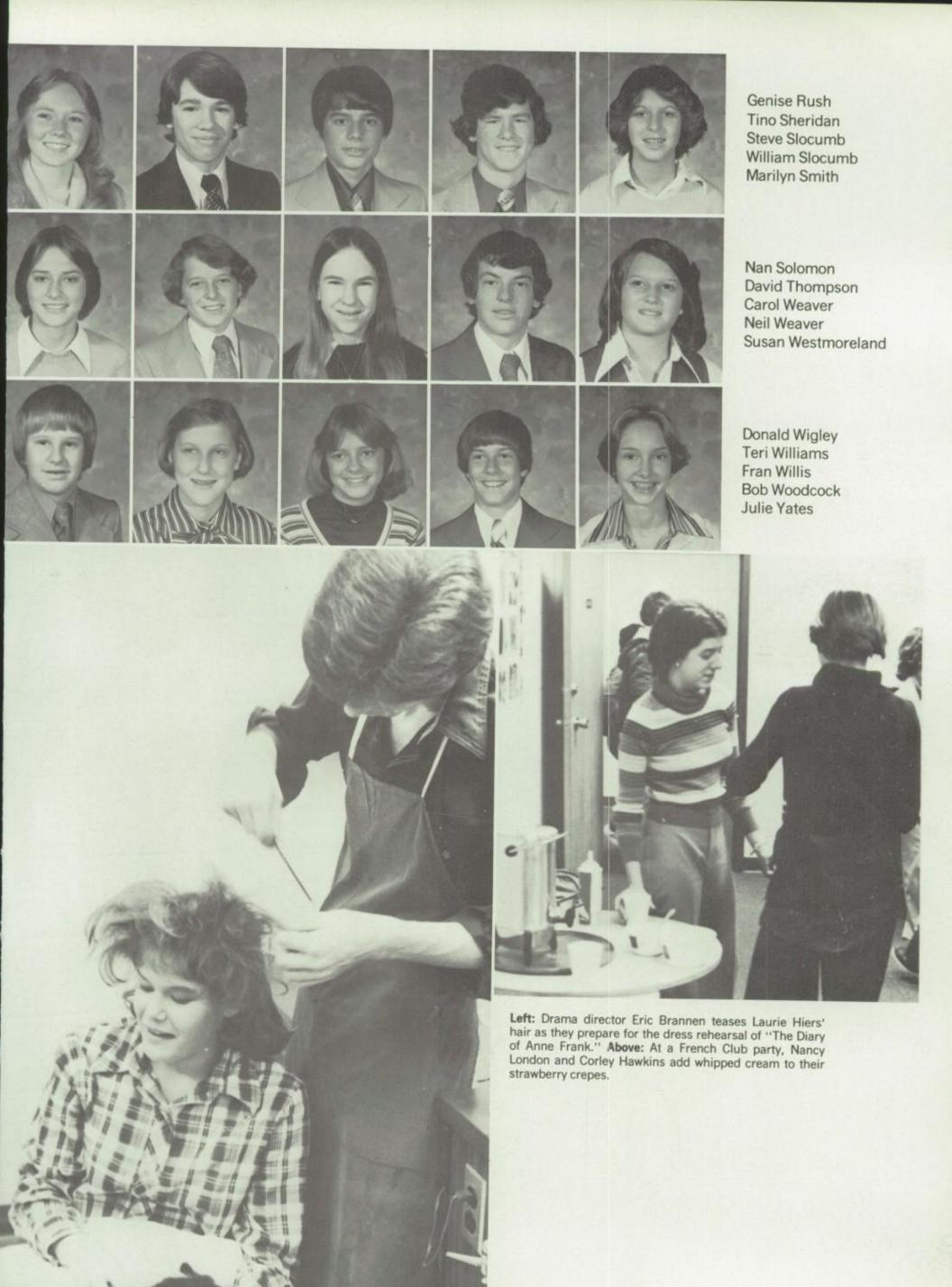




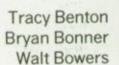


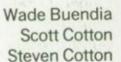






Elizabeth Alexander Torri Barnette **Tucker Bass**





Barbara Ellis Karen Feicht Julia Fickling



Because of the formation of the middle school, the eighth grade class became the oldest in their school subsystem, and therefore carried many responsibilities. They produced the Eagles' Eye View newspaper, collected newspapers for recycling for the SEA, which bought benches for the senior patio, palyed on basketball teams and cheered for cheerleading squads. Eighth graders also participated in outside activities like performing in the band, collecting gifts for the children at an orphanage, and performing in plays and doing behind the scene jobs, too.

During class they listened to Brunel's stories. "Uncle Don" hoped Mr. Ethridge would miss the tray when he tossed his chalk during Algebra, and identified rocks for Mrs. Lovein's science class. In English they received the "Holliday Booklet" and got "cricks" in their necks from looking up at Mrs. Holliday!





Leah McLendon Wimberly McCook Milledge Newton Todd Newton Jim Nolan

Walker Nolan Lisa Palmer Jim Rice Kem Robinson Art Schwartz











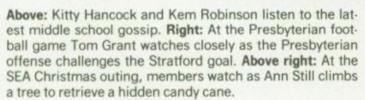
























Betty Schwartz Steven Schwartz Tracy Sims







Trudy Smith Kim Starr Ann Still





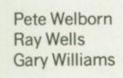


Alice Strawn Ginna Templeton Brad Walker















Sara Williams Jay Willingham Richard Young

Although new to the Peake Road plant, the seventh graders soon adjusted to changing classes and teachers six times daily, finding their way through the halls, and participating in some of the high school activities. They worked on many reports, plays, and projects that widened their scope of classroom study. These included reading 1200 pages for Mrs. Vogt, using their imagination in creating language arts projects and displaying them in the lobby, video taping Tom Sawyer with Mr. Brunel, and making wall murals and a portrait gallery in art. In math class students measured the walls around the school with a vardstick.

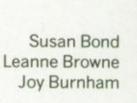
Also, the seventh graders produced a Thanksgiving play which was plagued with a lighting problem right before curtain time! For the Christmas assembly they put together a skit based on **The Littlest Angel**.

However, along with the fun of the seventh grade, the students learned what it was like to copy pages and pages of notes, meet report due dates, and the meaning of the words "Get out a sheet of paper for a pop test!"



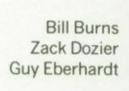
Beverly Ashmore Artie Banks Meredith Bishop





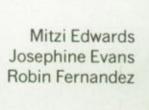




















Because the sixth graders were new

to the Peake Road complex, they

found changing classes, getting lost in

the maze of hallways, and high schoolers to be new experiences. Several other firsts for the students were trying out for cheerleading and basketball squads, working in the science laboratory, and going to a dance —

Other highlights of the year were:

Mrs. Vogt's reading projects for which

the sixth graders made shadow boxes depicting a scene from a favorite book, Mr. Lawson's Greek history reports, and a Christmas party in Mrs. Poole's room. Several students put on a Thanksgiving play and participated in the Junior Deputy program. Also,

field trips to the Golden Dragon for a

Chinese meal and to Sherah Israel,

where they visited Rabbi Kravity, were interesting additions to classroom

the Halloween Dance.

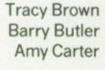
study.

Bill Abercrombie Kevin Allen Andy Anderson

Jimmy Asbell Jeff Avant John Barrow

Langston Bass Buddy Batchelor Ida Becker

Kelly Bowers Faye Brody Cathy Browne









Dwight Jones Keryn Kelly John Knight Debbie Kurek Holly Lanford









Lee Martin Amy Maurizi Lynn McLendon Anita Menendez Jennifer Newton















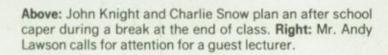


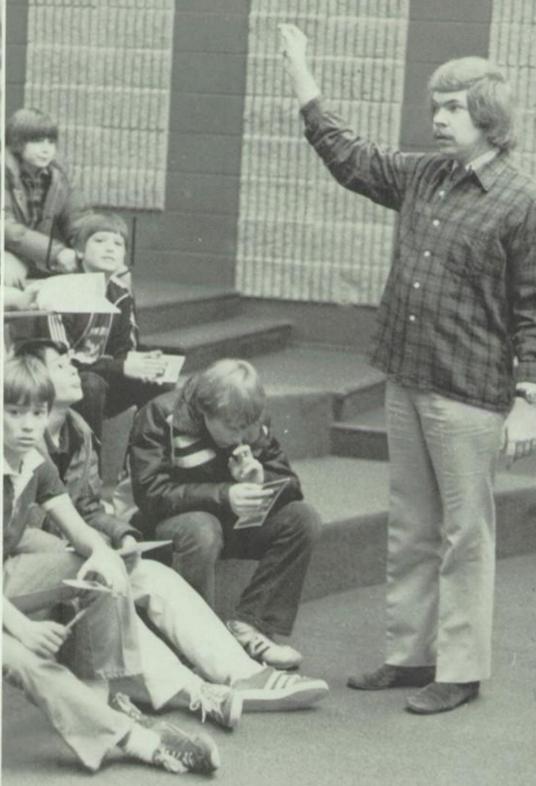


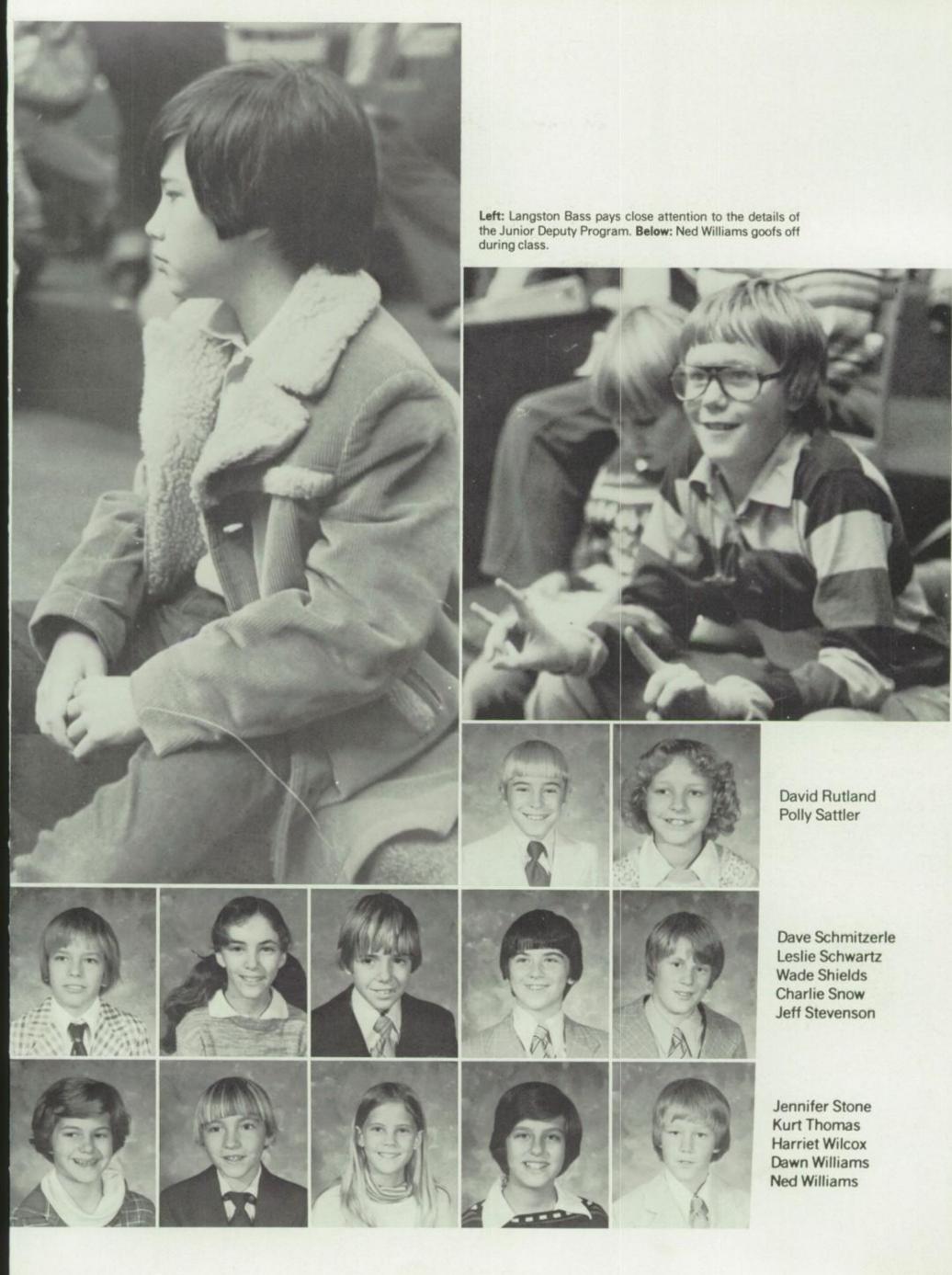












The fifth grade took several field

A most interesting trip was to the Great Hill Plantation. In the spring a

trip to Jarrell Plantation was planned.

An art project of a mural on their study

of American history was done near the

As the fifth grade was the oldest group at Bond Street, they took on several school responsibilities that were originally handled by sixth and

A group of fifth graders put out a

grammar school newspaper before

the Christmas holidays. Fifth grade students helped in the school store, the library, the art room, and as flag

trips in connection with its study of

American history. One trip was to the Indian Mounds to study the American Indian. The class also had an exhibit on different Indian cultures in their

classroom for the school.

end of the year.

seventh graders.

boys.

John Barron Maia Battin Harris Beall

Margaret Beall Ashley Benton Pam Bloodworth

Elizabeth Boswell Bonnie Butler Frances Clay

Michael Cowan Katherine Ann Drake Annie Frazier

David Fritze John Griffin George Hanse

Stacey Heath Aimee Herring John Hilburn





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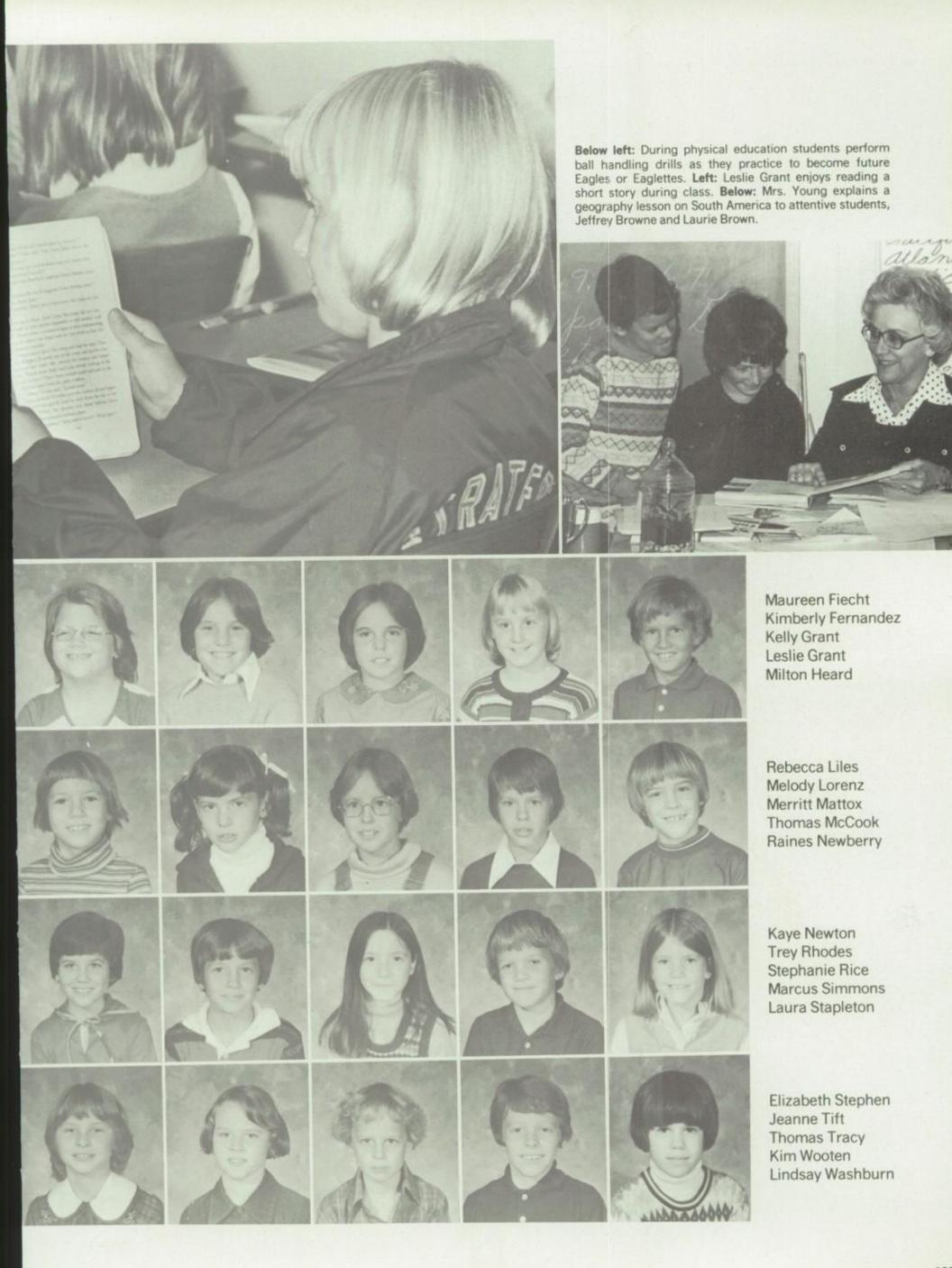
ican Indian they took a field trip to the Ocmulgee National Monument in order to get a better idea of how the Indians lived. To enrich the social studies and reading aspects of classroom activity

interesting before and after the show.

The Museum of Arts and Sciences

added extra interest to fourth grade studies. The planetarium show let them view the evening sky in the fall

the fourth grade dramatized plays and stories, wrote poems and gave reports. In order to make science more meaningful, the students presented science experiments.





Samantha Abercrombie Jim Adams Beth Allen

For the first time Stratford third graders participated in the band program. At the annual Christmas program in the Bond Street gym they played "Jolly Old Saint Nicholas" on their recorders which are flute-like

In the spring the third graders

boarded a chartered Greyhound bus

bound for the capitol where they saw where state laws are made and visited the museum on the fourth floor of the building. Afterwards, they visited The Wren's Nest, home of Joel Chandler

instruments.

Harris.



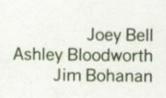
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THIRD GRADE





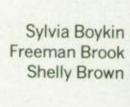
















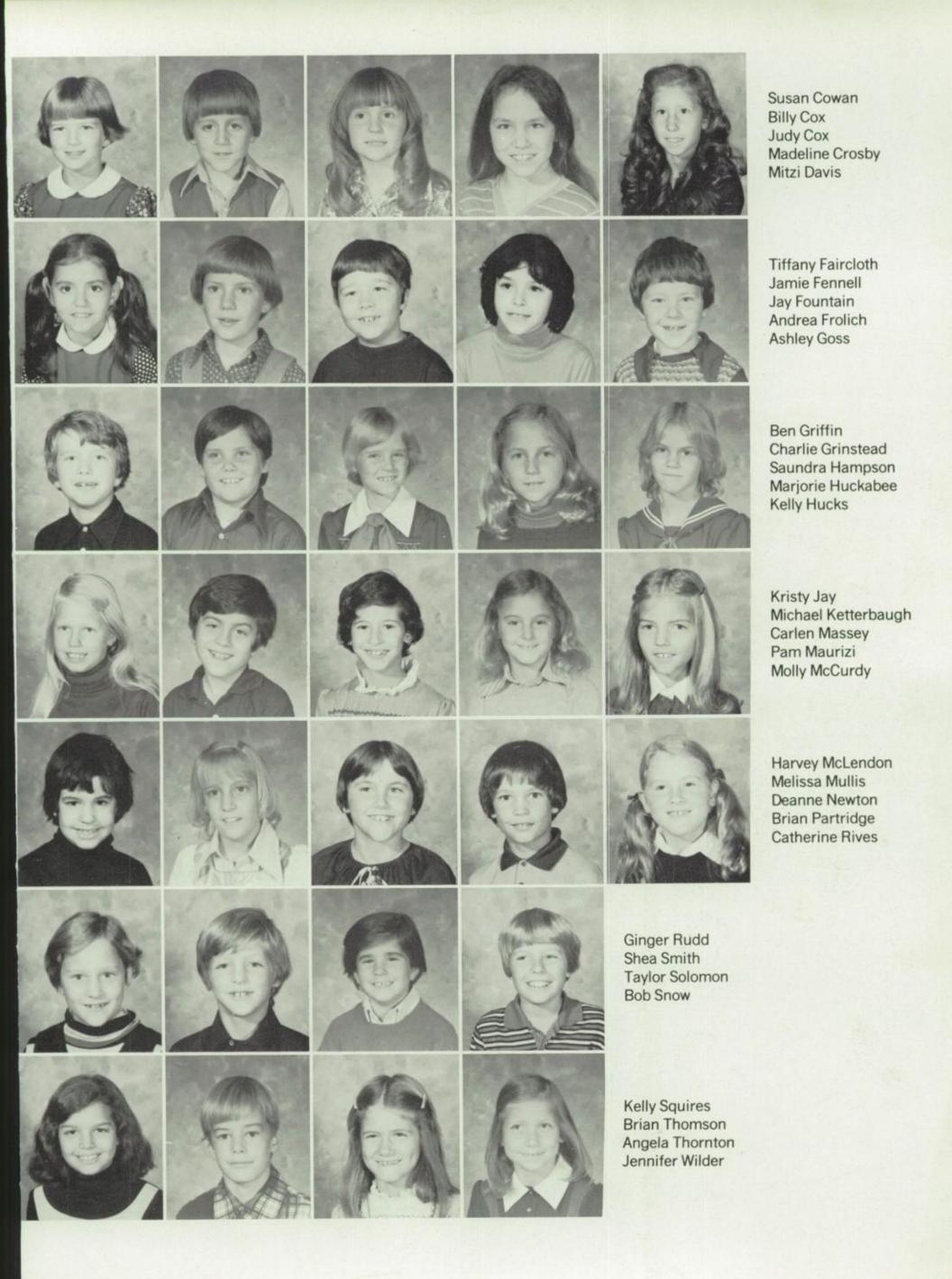




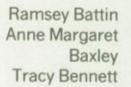


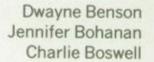


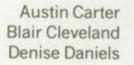
Wendy Brown Dixie Butler Christie Childs



Kelly Abbot Sam Anderson Walker Bass











What was the second grade all about? It was about reading circles, spelling tests, flash card drills, work, work, work, and FUN! Second graders sometimes slipped away to visit the museum or to go on a Sense-a-thon trip to Ocmulgee National Park. After Christmas they learned cursive writing, and did class reports on Ben Franklin and Abe Lincoln.

Also, with the use of a tape recorder they listened to themselves recite their favorite poems. Of course they still found time to see a weekly science film, visit the library, make art creations, learn new songs, new games, and make new friends. They were a busy second grade!



Jason La Farge

Bill Ladson Jenny Lee David Lewis Kristy Martin





Mary Elizabeth May Jay McElrath Susan Mincey Micah Morrone Bryan Nix

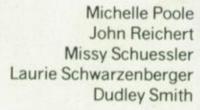












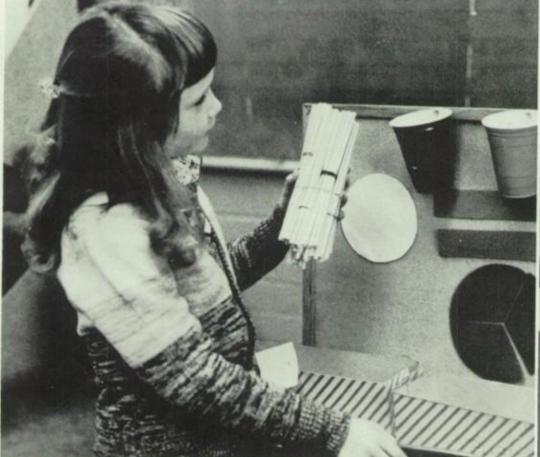


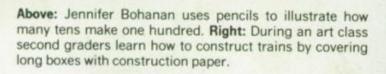


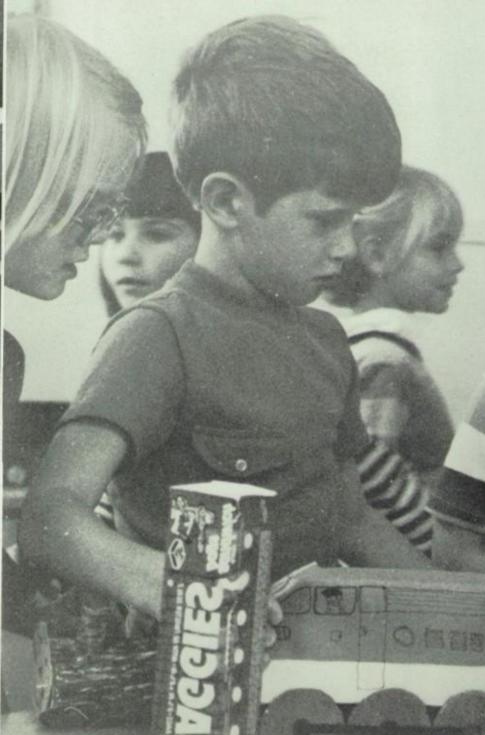


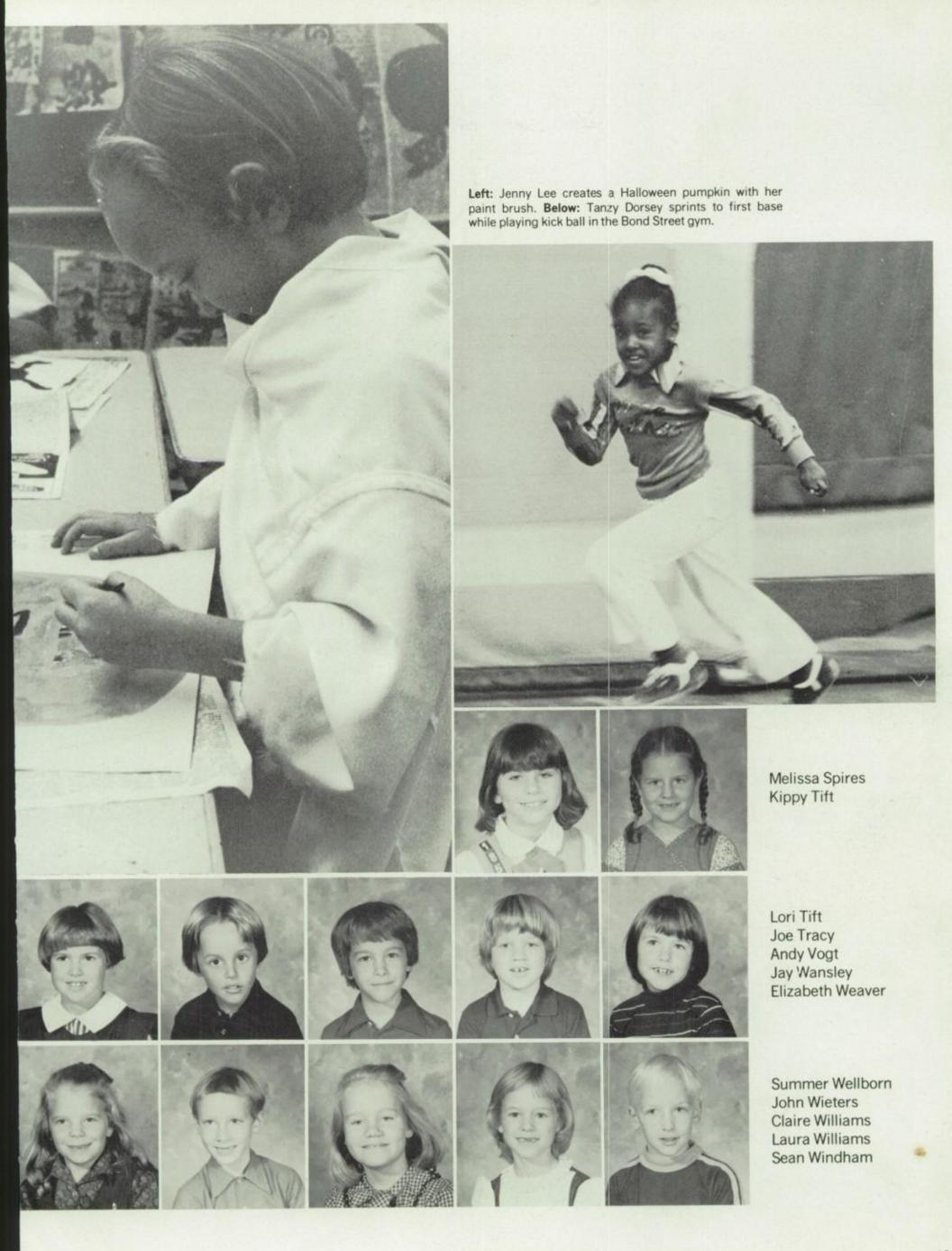












Paul Abell David Asbell Jonathan Beinke

Staci Bell Lindsey Brookling Bonnie Brown

Ricky Brown Marsh Butler Wendy Collier

Elizabeth Crosby Kate Dodson Tee Faircloth



began developing creative writing skills.

FIRST GRADE

The first graders participated in many activities beyond the basic cur-

riculum. In October the children

attended the Halloween Carnival given

by Stratford Interested Parents. In December the first graders took a field trip to the Museum of Arts and Sciences to see the Christmas display. At Christmas time and on Valentine's Day a party was held in each class-

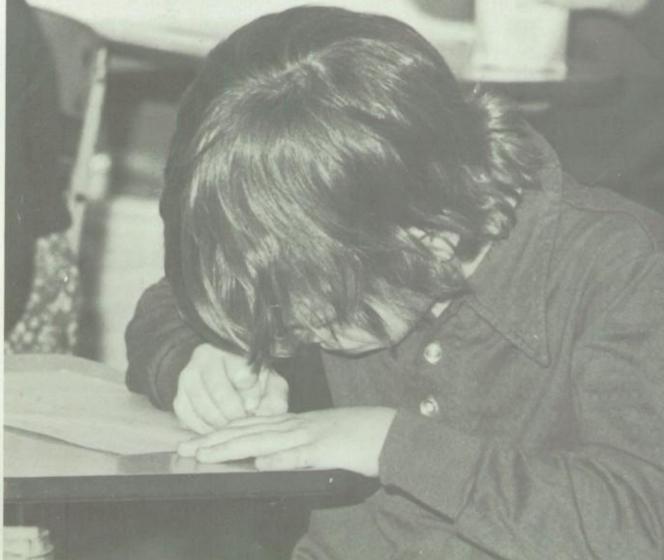
The boys and girls also had an

Easter hunt on Coleman Hill as well as

a picnic lunch in the park. Prizes were awarded for the most eggs found and for the prize egg. At the end of the year each class had a class picnic.

In the classroom the children took part in many seasonal arts and crafts activities. The boys and girls used their beginning writing skills to make fall and Thanksgiving booklets. The children also enjoyed dramatizing stories they had read. In the spring they

room.





Below left: Ian Holloway diligently prepares a page for his Thanksgiving booklet. Left: Learning to read has opened up a new world of books for Ben Garland who has chosen Robert the Rose Horse to read. Below: Mrs. Crumbley works with several students at the reading table while the rest of the students waiting their turn color pictures.



Ian Holloway Laurie Lee Horne Kelly Jay Asuka Kitano Catharine Liles

Camille Lowe Miriam Lowe Sarah Lowe Kevin Meeks Phillip Moore

Walter Moody Laura Mullins Paige Newberry John Owens Jennifer Paige

















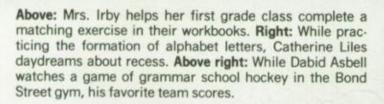
















Jennifer Adams Tim Adams Emily Alexander

Paige Banks Randy Bennett Jim Butler

Jason Chapmen Shelly Clements Shanen Castanzo

Stacey Creter Joseph Flowers Julie Forester

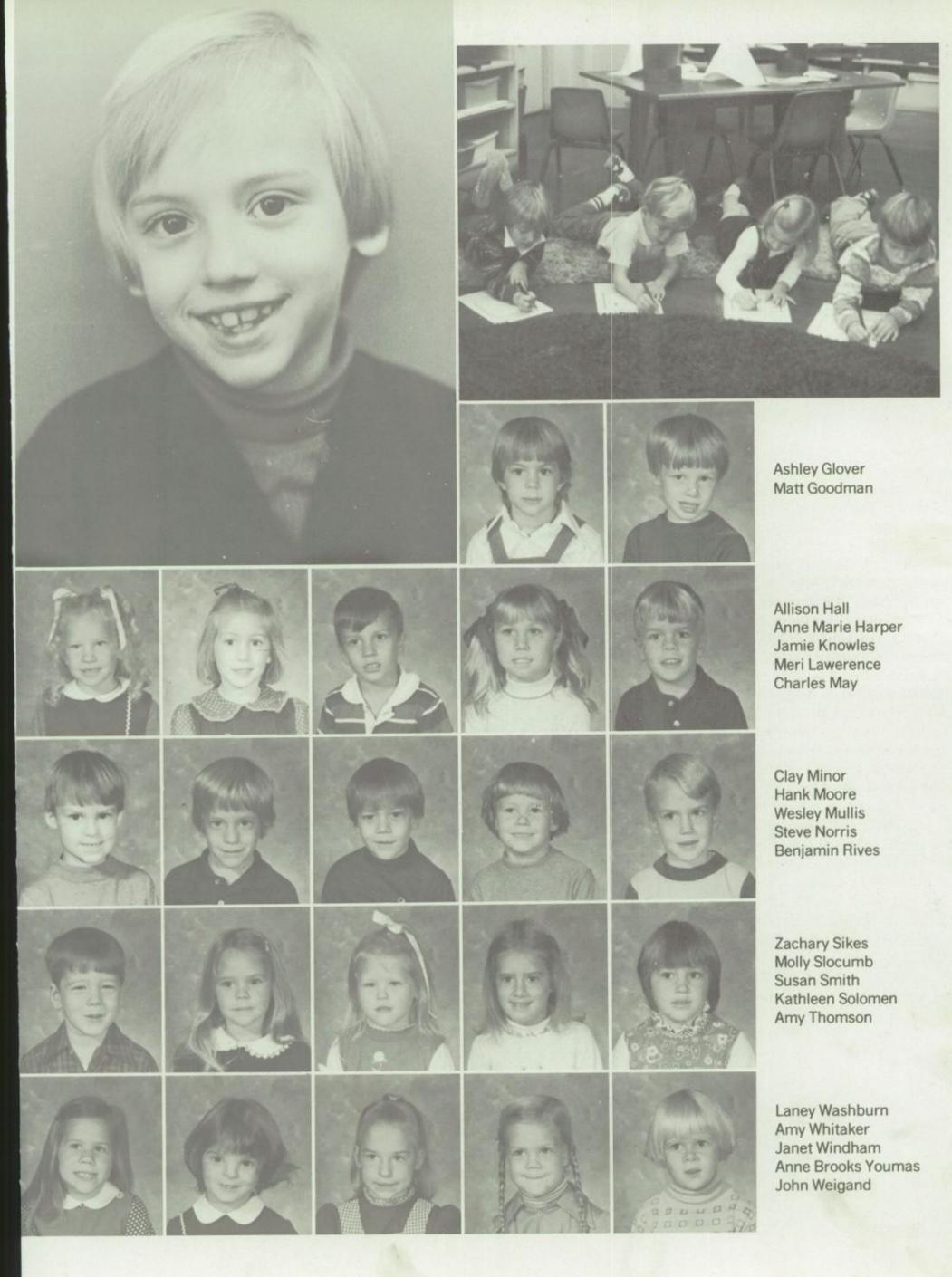




Above: For a special kindergarten Halloween party, the children wear their colorful trick-or-treat costumes to school. **Above right:** Sean Ridley, a newcomer to K-5, poses for his picture to be taken. **Above right:** Students draw pictures of their homes and pets during class.

In the five year old kindergarten regular activities for the busy students were reading, arithmetic, and writing readiness. These basic studies were supplemented with discussions of moods and emotions, their family, fire prevention, types of farms, Thanksgiving Pilgrim stories, water and space transportation, woodland animals, musical instruments, and life in the sea.

Field trips included the Mathis Dairy, a visit to a hatchery where they held tiny baby chicks only a minute old, observing local history at the Indian mounds, and Christmas trips to Santa's Forest and the museum's Christmas exhibit.



For the four year olds in kindergarten, school was as much fun as it was work. They discussed a community worker each month and had a representative of that vocation visit the classroom. Discussion of holidays, seasons, insects, birds, zoo animals, fire safety, farms, and pets was also interesting. They learned to become aware of colors and shapes in their world, how items are alike and different, and to concentrate on numbers and letters of the alphabet. Field trips were taken to the Mathis Dairy, where they watched a real cow being milked, to the fire station, library, post office, Peake Road complex, state fair, and to the zoo in Atlanta.

A new bi-weekly program was established for the three year olds which was for most children a beginning school situation. They combined a vareity of play activities with the discussion of pets, baby farm animals, Indians, children around the world, things that fly, move, make noise, grow, and fall from trees. They engaged in activities that helped them recognize, identify, and name colors, shapes, five senses, and nursery rhymes. Their field trips included trips to the library, Santa's Forest, and the Christmas exhibit at the museum.



William Baxley Paula Burton

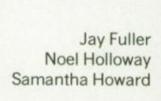




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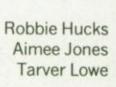








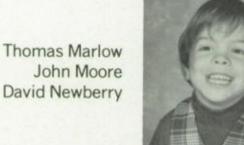








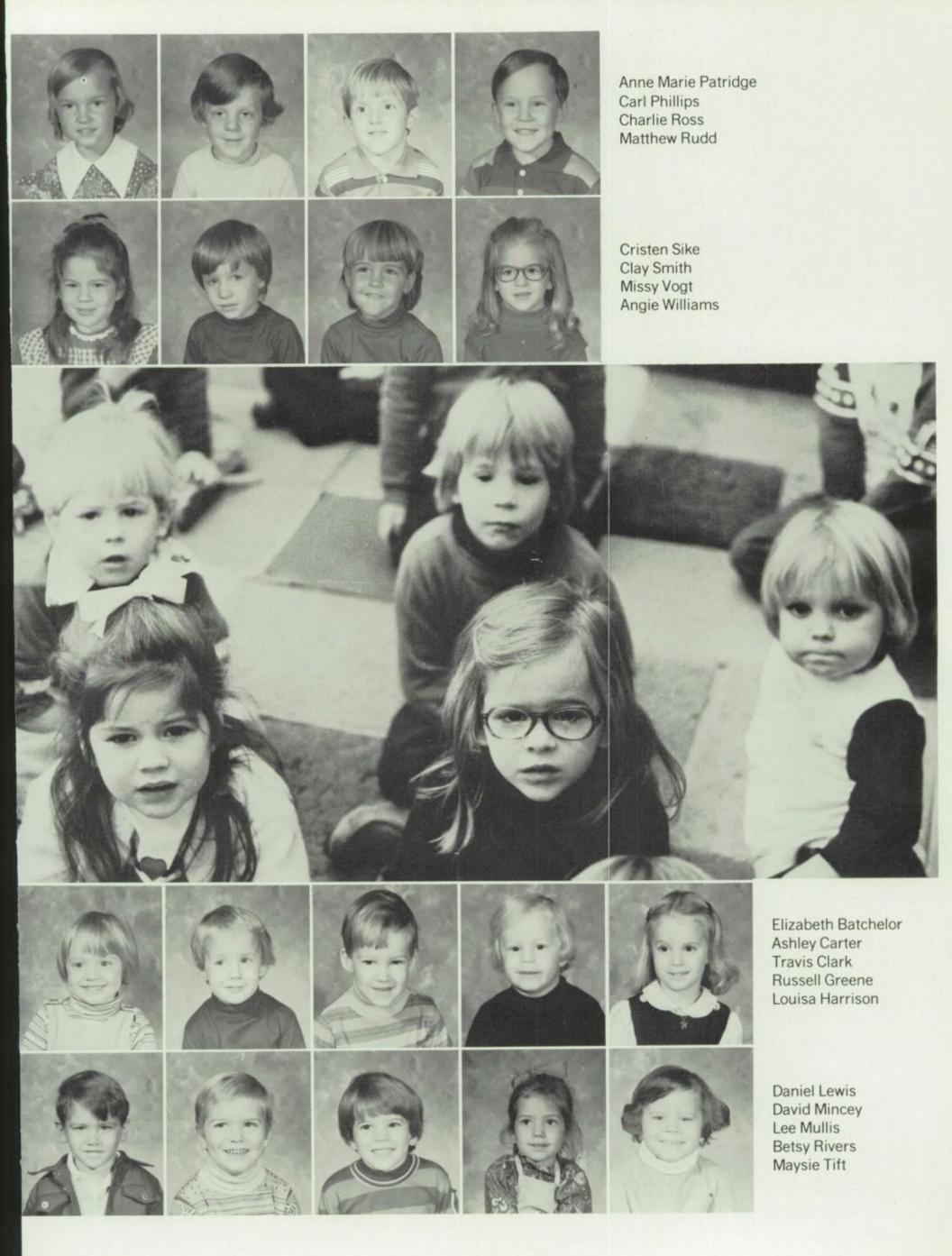








Above: Kindergarten teacher Elisabeth Jones holds he audience captive as she tells a story about an alligator adventures. **Above right:** Kindergarteners listen closely a the plot unfolds during story hour.





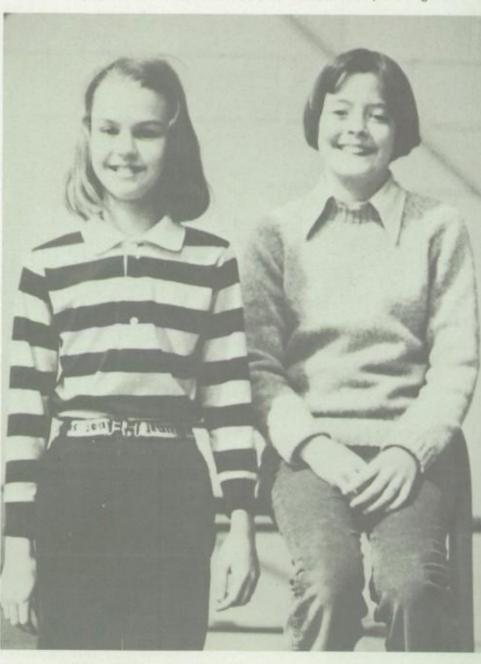
Flag Raisers — Michael Cowen and John Griffin



Art Assistants — Ann Hodges and Ann Frazier



School Store Keepers — Susan Schwartz and Amy Herring



Library Assistants — Pam Bloodworth and Elizabeth Boswell



Fifth Graders Volunteer Help

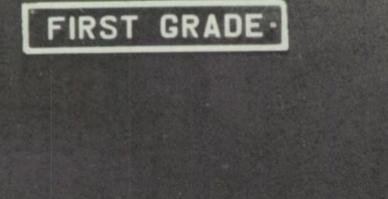
With the formation of the middle school, select fifth graders assumed the positions traditionally held by the seventh grade. Their various responsibilities included running the school store, serving as assistants to the librarian and the art teacher, and care of the flag.

The school store was maintained by Susar Schwartz and Amy Herring. These girls sold school supplies such as notebooks, paper and pencils to

students before school.

Art assistants were added to the list of helpers this year. Mrs. Merck, the art teacher, was assisted by Ann Hodges and Ann Frazier. Each morning they helped her gather materials for the day's project and prepare art mediums. Library assistants Pan Bloodworth and Elizabeth Boswell aided Mrs Walker before school by collecting books as classes returned them.

Michael Cowen and John Griffin were responsible for raising and lowering the flag each day. The watched for foul weather also in caring for the flag.



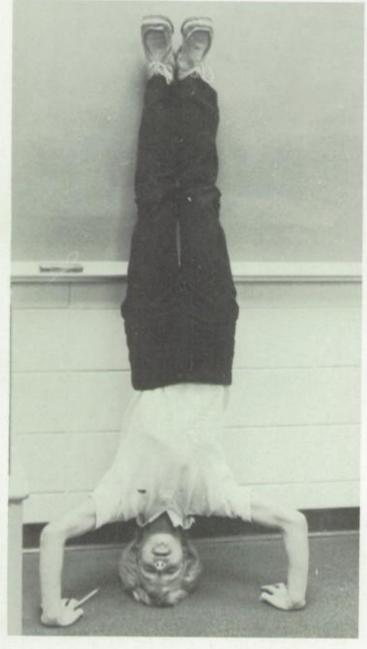
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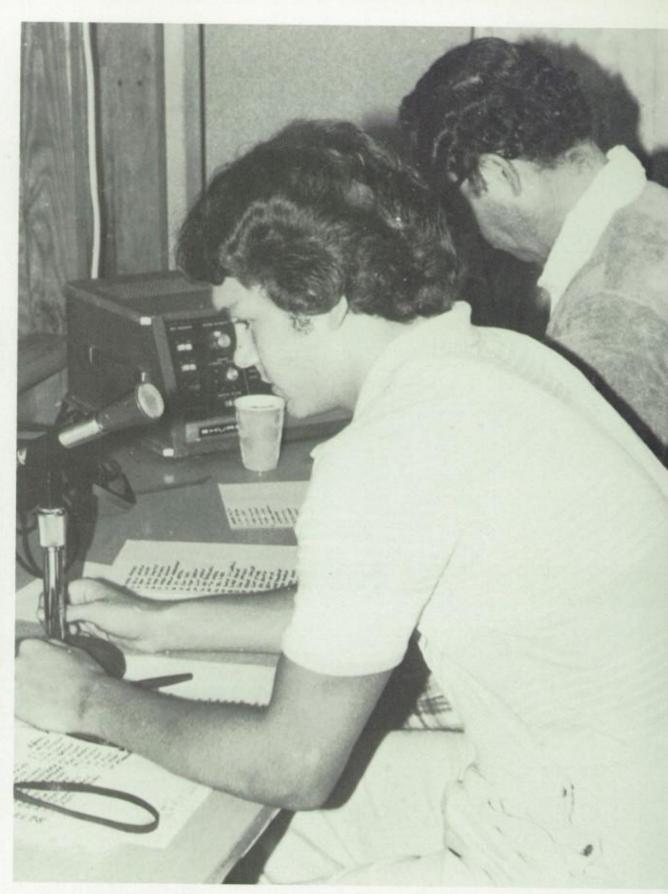
Ho, Ho, Ho It's off to Peake we go....



Left: First graders' feelings about their move to Peake Road next year are reflected by a poster hung on their door. Above left: Fifth grader Peggy Mayes hurries to get to class before the bell rings. Above: Library assistants Pam Bloodworth and Elizabeth Boswell shelve books while helping Mrs. Walker before school.

Right: Senior Bob Turner prepares to give the invocation in the press box at a home football game. Below right: Wearing his lucky felt cowboy hat, Tres Butler displays his spirit on Professions Day. Below: Bobby Cleveland, junior, uses yoga to mentally prepare himself for his next class.

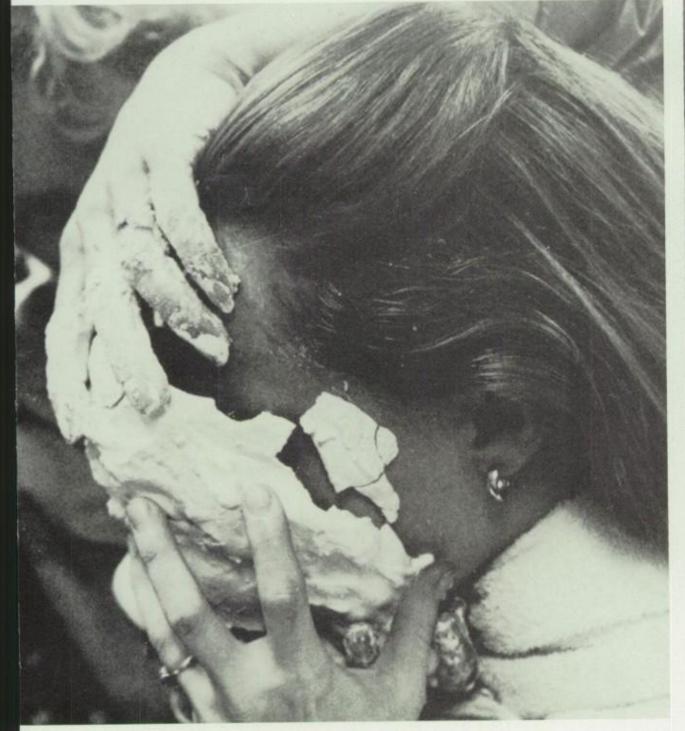






Seniors Leave Friendship Legacy







Left: Nancy Lisenby carefully loosens a plaster mold from her face. Making these molds was one of many ways art students expressed their creativity. Above left: Faculty members enjoy a sausage and egg breakfast given by the Beta Club in commemoration of National Education Week. Above: Bob Turner and Jimmy Maddox, charter members of the senior Brew and Chew Club, cheer their team on at the Powder Puff football game, sponsored by Student Council during Homecoming Week.

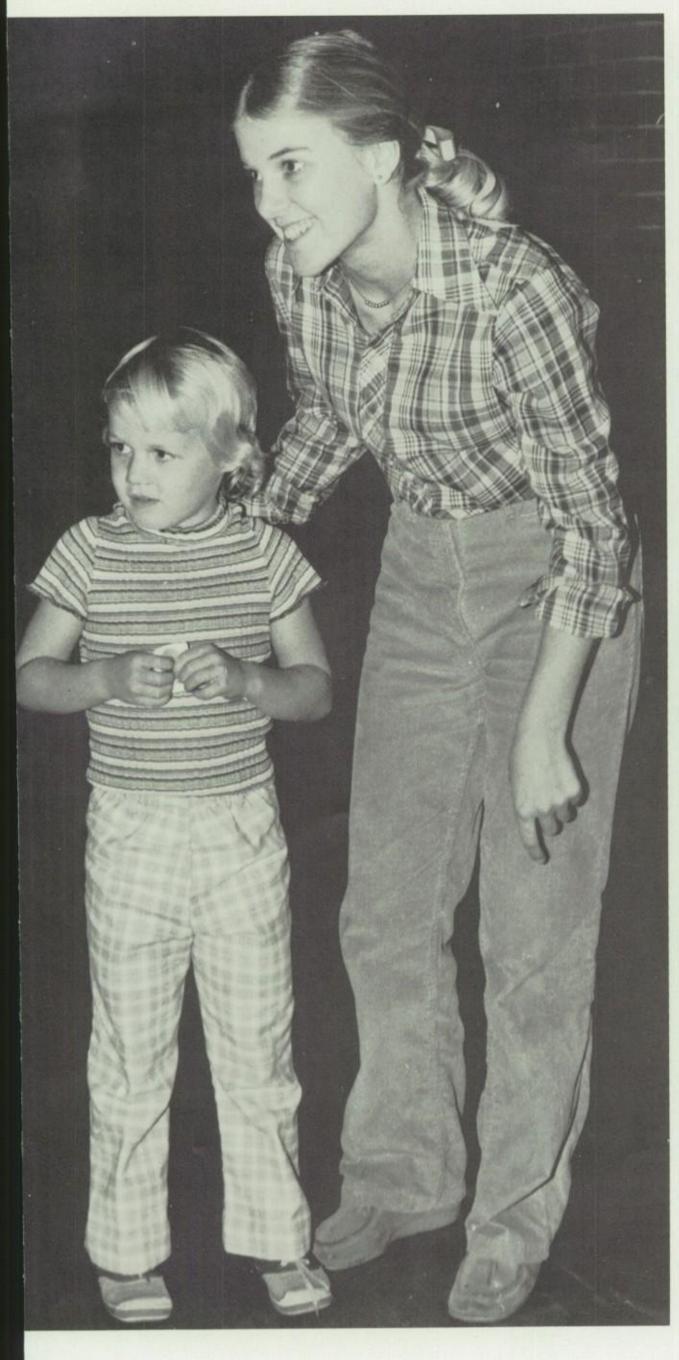
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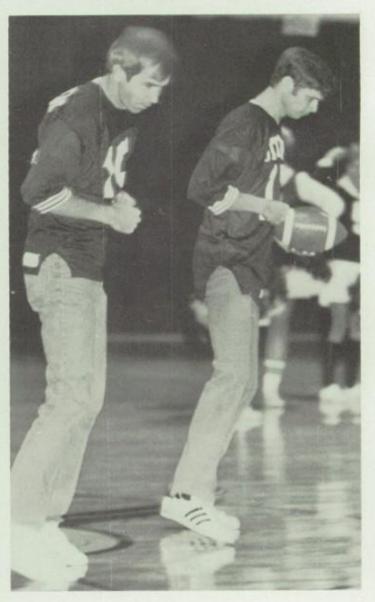
Above: Sophomore Jill Young demonstrates puppetry with her friend Ernie in Mrs. Bibb's Speech course. Above right: Scott Evans shares a lunch break with Debi Hawkes. Right: Steve Solomon and Jim Penn perform a new cheerleading stunt with an unwilling Mrs. Stewart.





Below: Tony Ratliff adds the finishing touches to his contribution to the art room wall. Far below: "Crazy Legs" Ethridge and "Heaving Henry" Tift swing into action on a quarterback sneak during the Homecoming pep rally skit. Left: Donna Kay Miller encourages a child at the Masonic Home to join in a game of "Zoo." The Beta Club held a party at the Masonic Home for Thanksgiving.



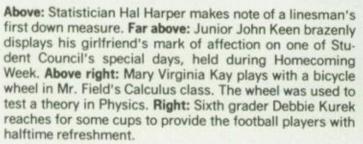


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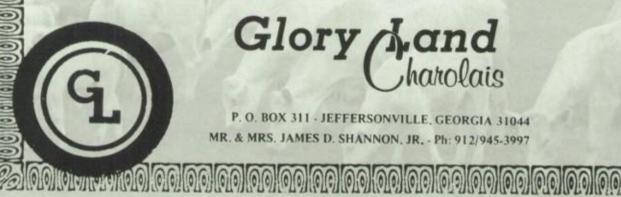
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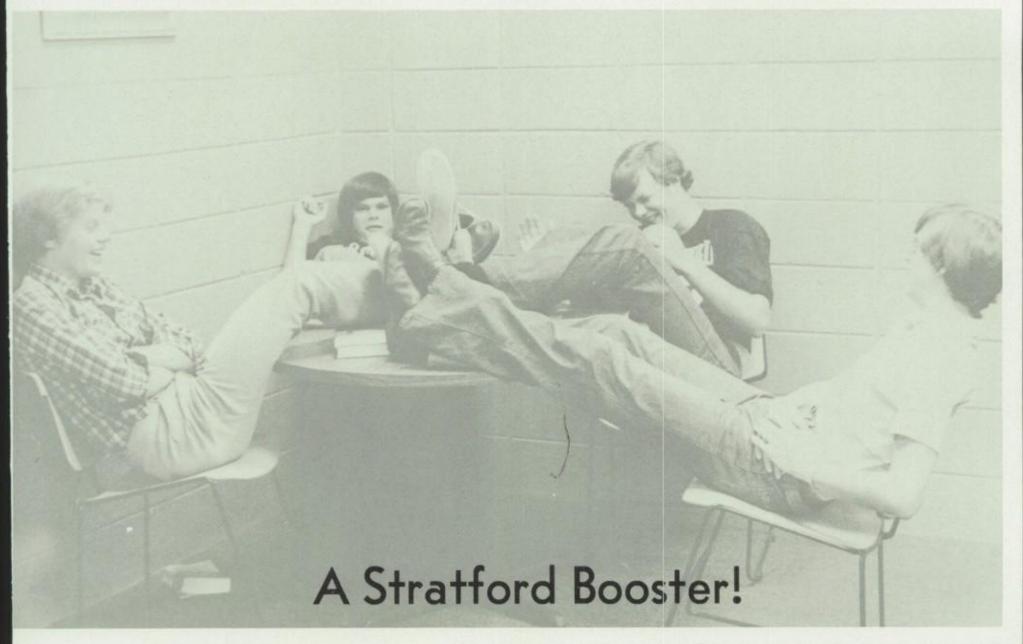
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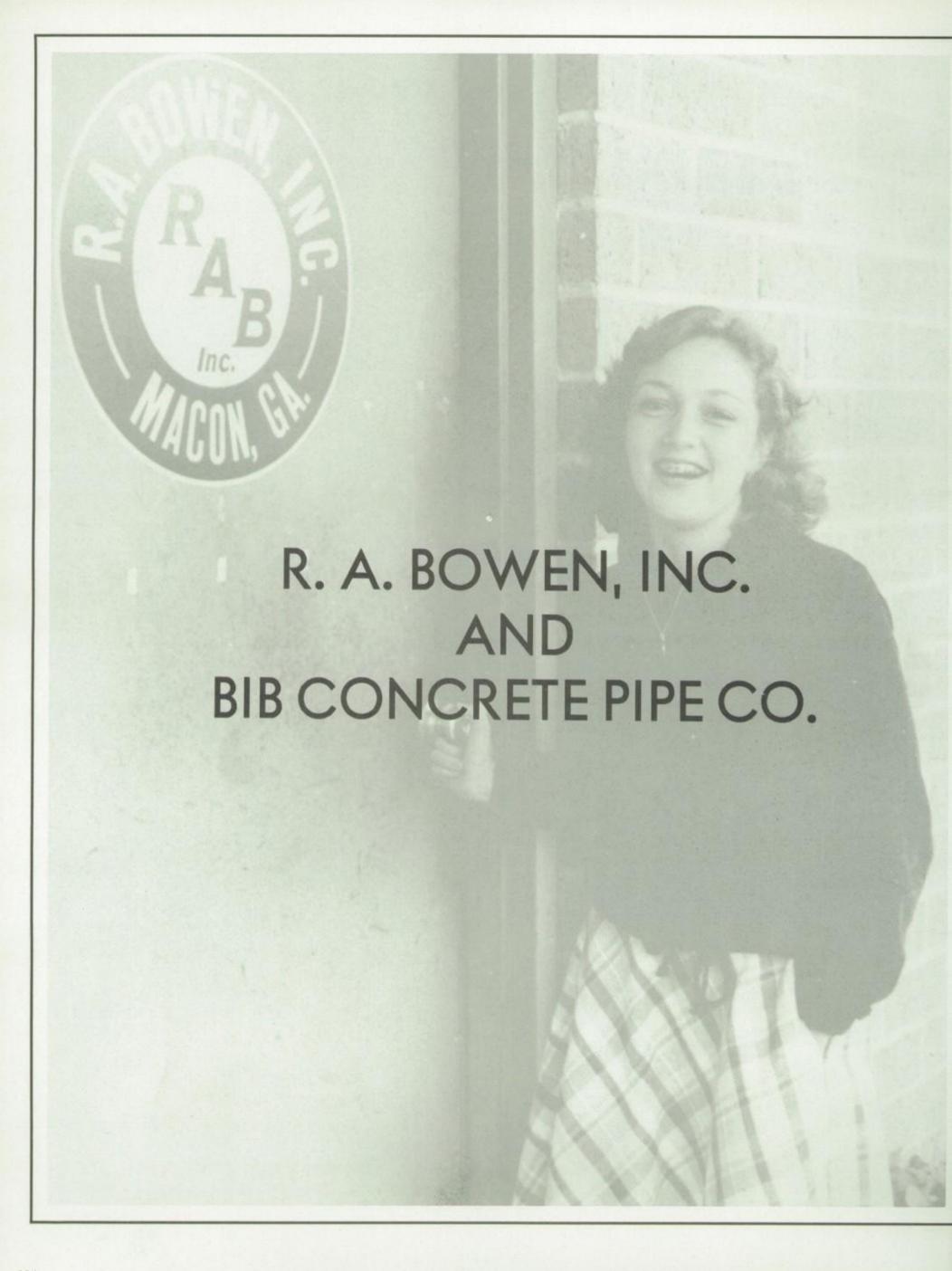


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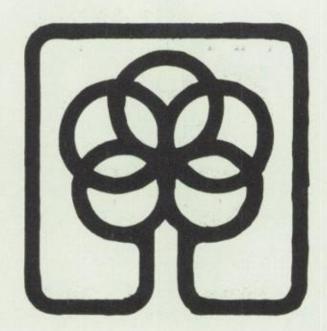
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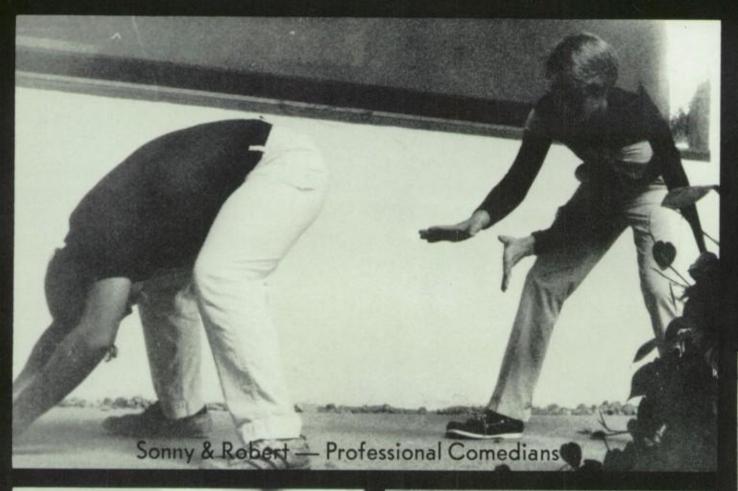
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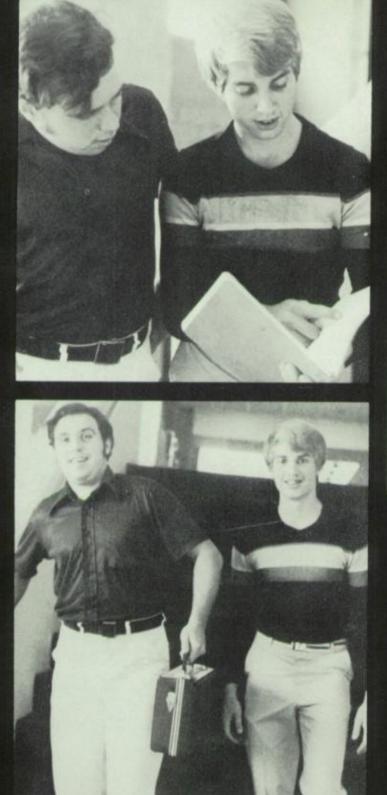
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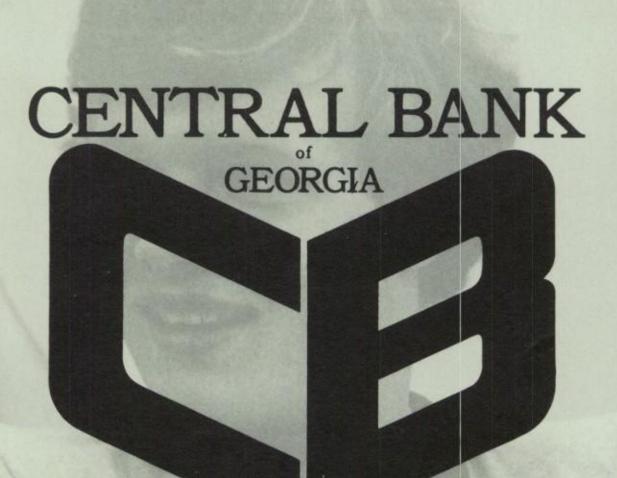














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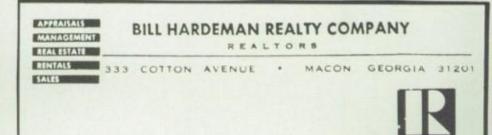
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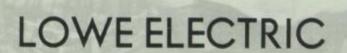
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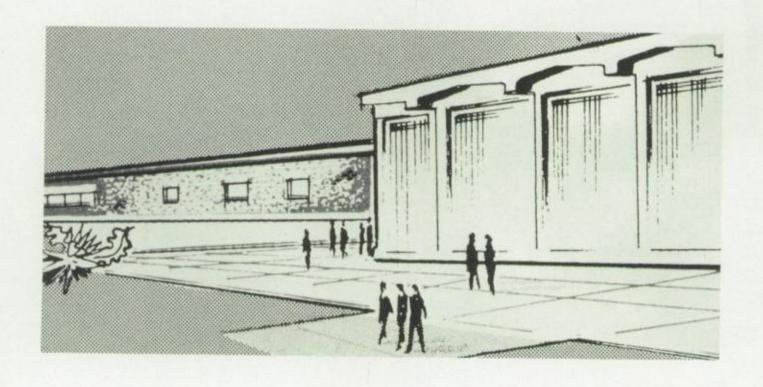
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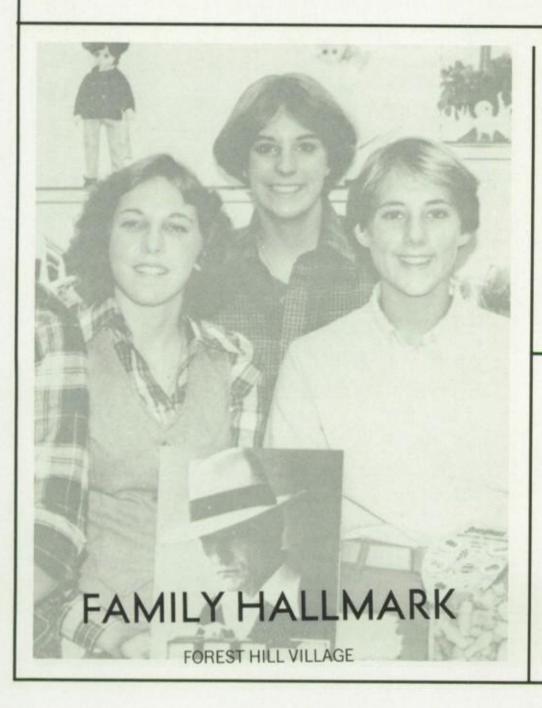
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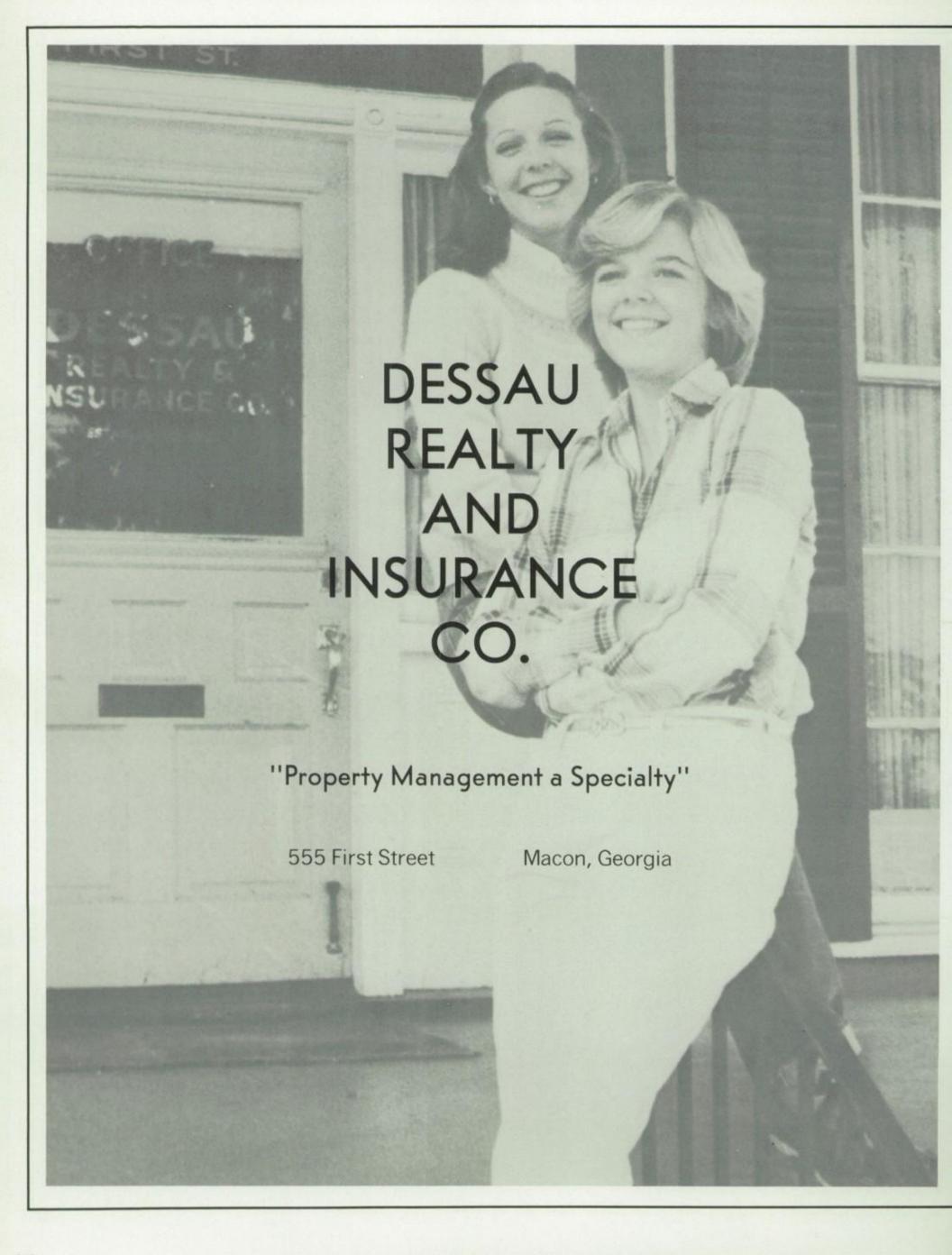
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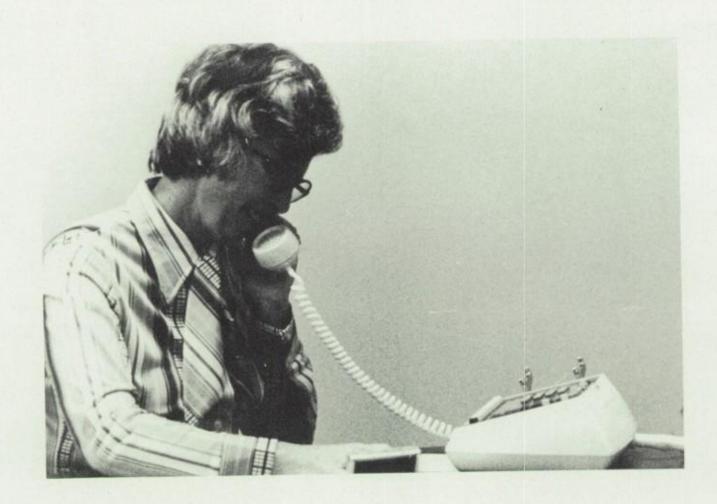
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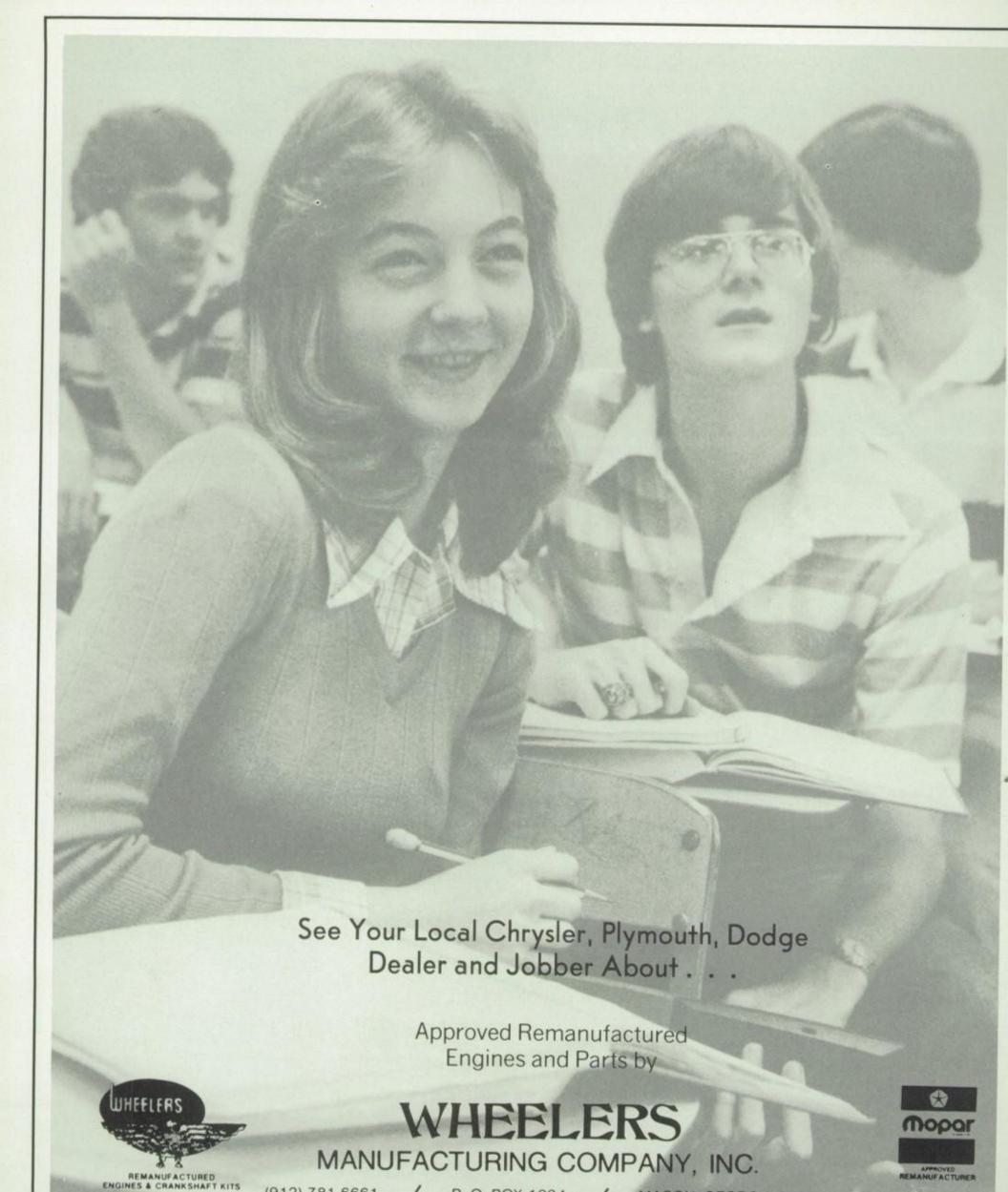
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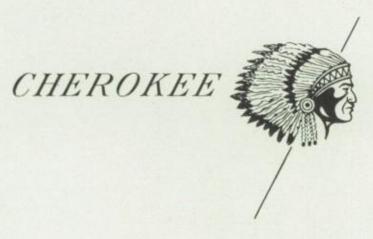
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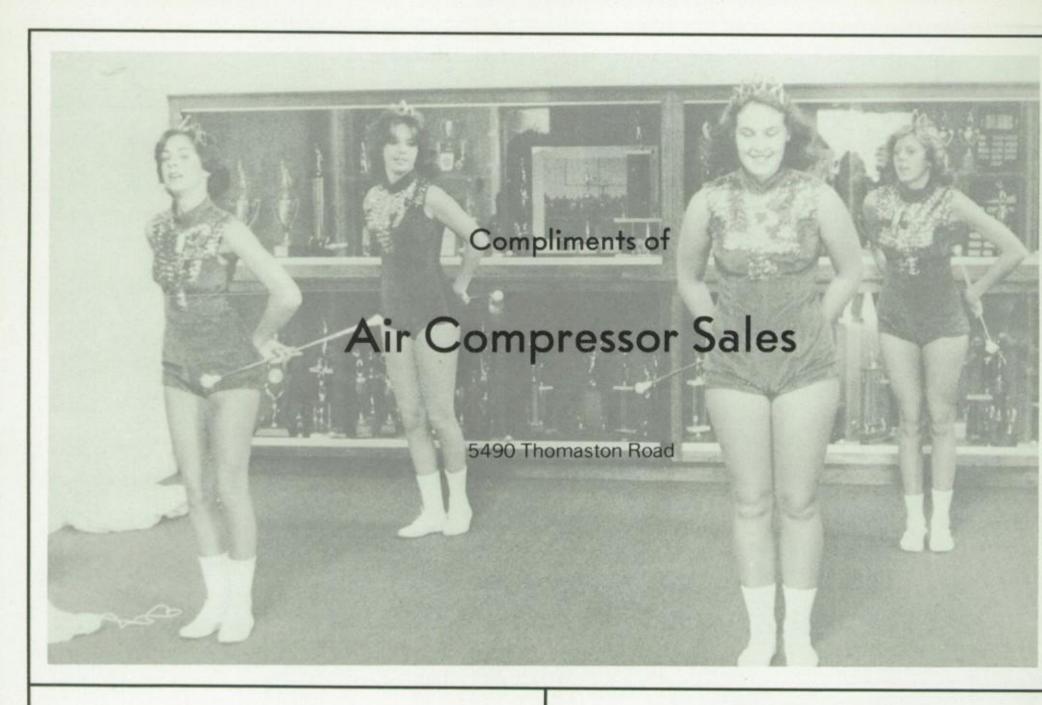
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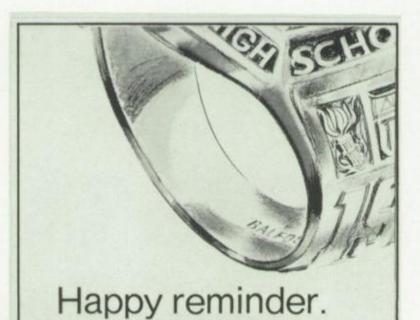
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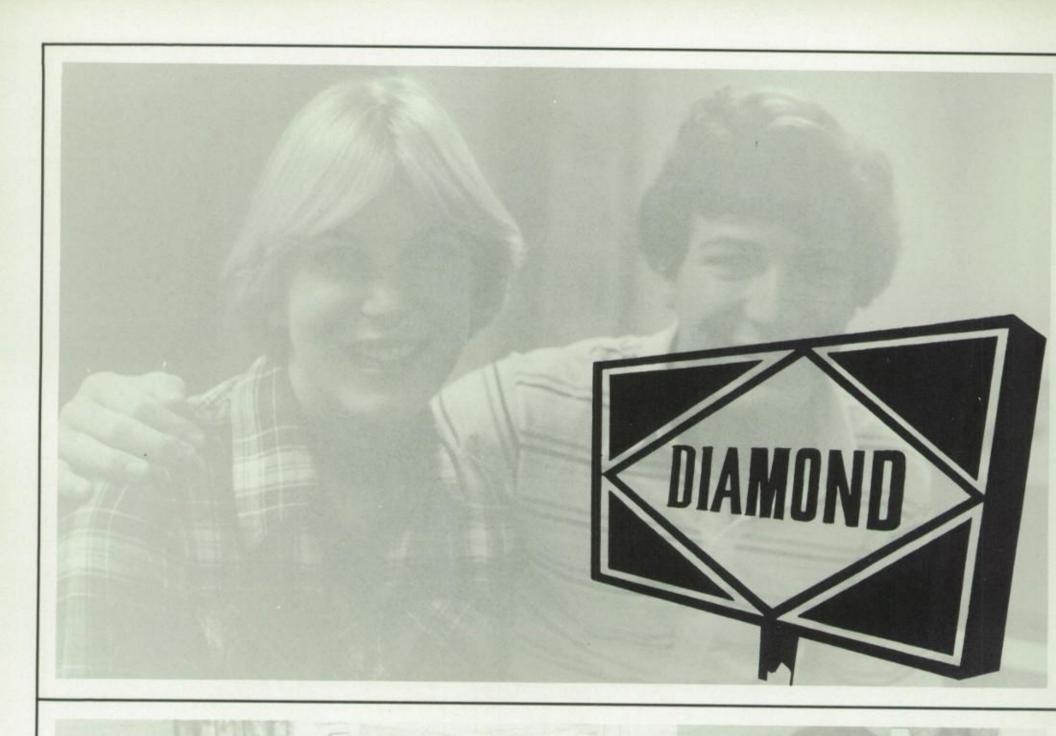
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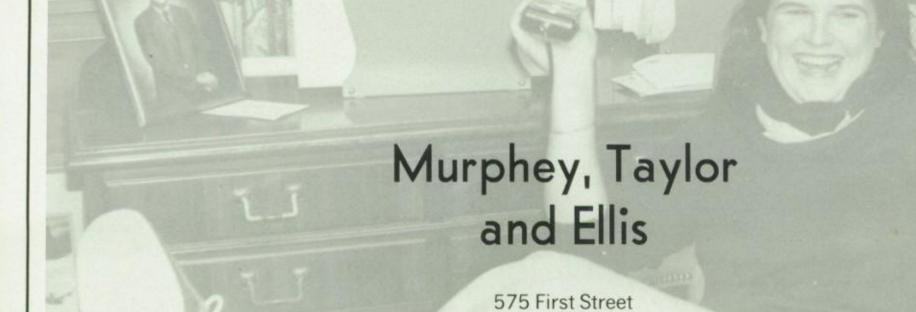
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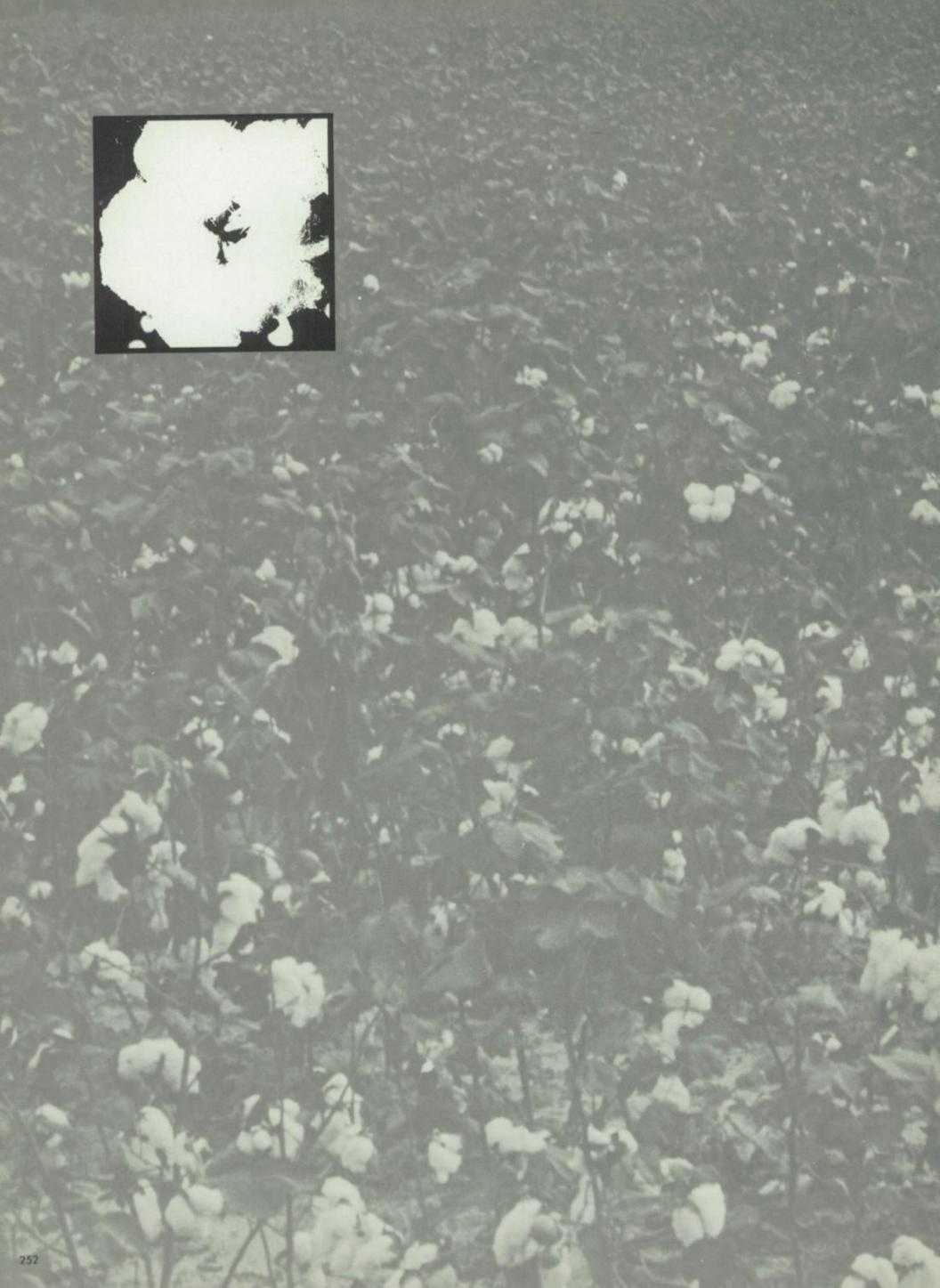
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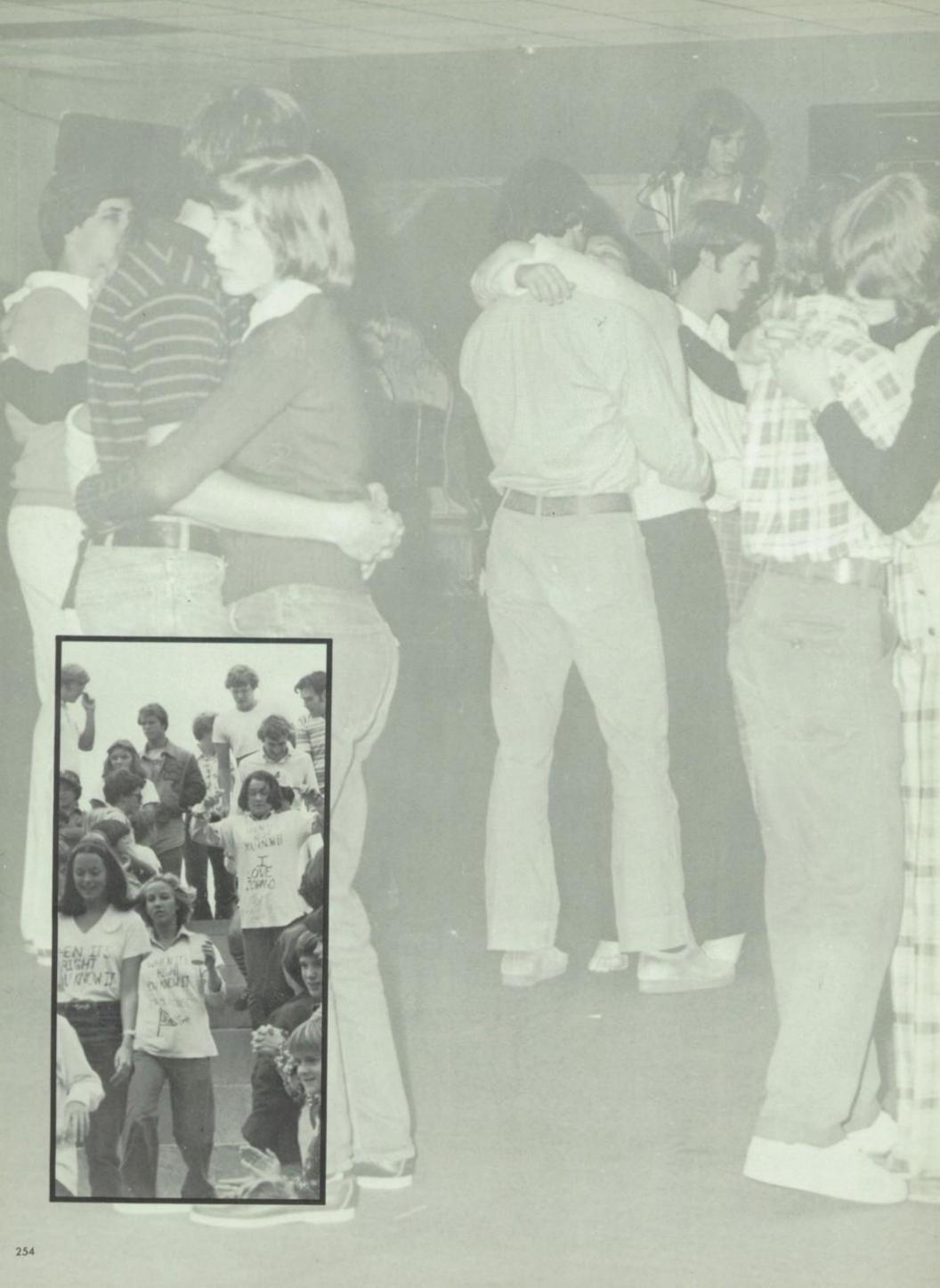
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